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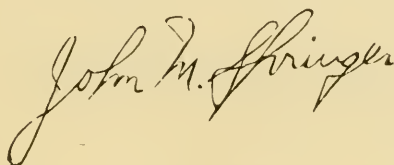
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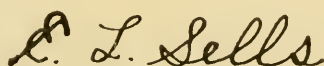
Held in Nyadiri Mission

S. Rhodesia, South Africa

October 6th to 11th, 1937

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PRESIDING BISHOP

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "E. L. Sells".

SECRETARY

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PART I.

OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE

(a). Of the Annual Conference

President — Bishop J. M. Springer, D.D.

Secretary — E. L. Sells, Box 55, Umtali

Statistician — H. E. Taylor, Old Umtali

Treasurer — H. I. James, Mrewa

Registrar — T. A. O'Farrell, Nyadiri Mission, P. B. Salisbury

(b) Of the Lay Conference

President — Lewis Tsododo, Mutambara

Secretary — Aaron Machiri, c/o Watsomba, Umtali

PART II.

BOARDS, COMMISSIONS and COMMITTEES

Board of Ministerial Training

H. I. James

W. Bourgaize

T. A. O'Farrell

R. C. Gates

E. L. Sells

M. J. Murphree

J. M. Chimbadzwa

C. E. Faku

Board of Education

(Term expiring)

1938

G. A. Roberts

Miss I. M. Scovill

M. J. Murphree

T. A. O'Farrell

R. M. Ngonyama

1939

H. E. Taylor

Mrs. H. E. Taylor

Miss G. Clark

C. E. Faku

1940

H. I. James

Jessie Pfaff

J. G. Nduna

W. Bourgaize

Board of Stewards

(Term expiring)

1938

R. C. Gates

R. M. Ngonyama

J. M. Chimbadzwa

1939

H. E. Taylor

Abraham Kawadza

Jonah Mukonorwe

H. I. James

1940

M. J. Murphree

T. A. O'Farrell

Titus Marange

Board of Sunday Schools

Miss P. Mullikin	Amos Kapenzi
Miss Sarah King	Benjamin Katsidzira
Mrs. T. A. O'Farrell	Enoch Munjoma
Miss Lulu Tubbs	Johnson Maramba

Board of Home Missions and Church Extension

District Superintendents, Ex-officio

(Term expiring)

1938	1939	1940
I. Munjoma	Mrs. G. A. Roberts	Miss S. King
Job Tsigia	Miss I. M. Scovill	Miss L. Tubbs
Paul Makande	P. Chieza	Miss G. Clark
		I. Darikwa
		J. M. Chimbadzwa

Committee on Conference Relations

T. A. O'Farrell	I. Darikwa
W. Bourgaize	J. M. Chimbadzwa
M. J. Murphree	Thomas Marange

Committee on Accepted Supply Pastors

H. I. James	J. M. Chimbadzwa
E. L. Sells	Thomas Marange
C. Faku	M. J. Murphree

Committee on Hospitals and Medical Work

H. E. Taylor	G. A. Roberts
Miss Ruth Hansson	Miss Ona Parmenter
Miss Irene Gugin	Thomas Marange
Miss Oril Penney	Moses Mparutsa
Mrs H. I. James	Job Tsigia
Miss Alice Whitney	

Committee on Interdenominational Relations

The District Superintendents

Isaiah Munjoma

Titus Maranke

Committee on the State of the Church

T. A. O'Farrell	Z. Mukombiwa
W. Bourgaize	Thomas Marange
G. A. Roberts	Miss Lulu Tubbs
Hosea Katsidzira	J. Rugayo
Patrick Machiri	H. E. Taylor
Mrs. G. A. Roberts	B. Katsidzira
Mrs. H. I. James	Jonah Chitombo

Committee on Publications

The Finance Committee
E. H. Greeley
Mrs. H. E. Taylor

Editor of the Umbowo
Miss Lulu Tubbs

Committee on Resolutions

W. Bourgaize
E. H. Greeley
E. L. Sells
G. A. Roberts

Miss Sarah King
Moses Mparutsa
Samuel Chieza

Committee on Memoirs

Miss Jessie Pfaff
Josiah Chimbadzwa

Reginald Ngonyama

Historical Committee

E. L. Sells
G. A. Roberts
E. H. Greeley
T. A. O'Farrell
Miss F. Quinton

Miss Pearl Mullikin
C. Faku
Josiah Chimbadzwa
Thomas Marange
Isaiah Munjoma

Committee on Conference Programme

Entertaining Pastor and District Superintendent.

(The above Boards and Committees were elected to serve through the next session of Conference.)

PART III

DAILY PROCEEDINGS

The Seventh Session of the

RHODESIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

First Day,—Wednesday, October 6th, 1937

The seventh session of the Rhodesia Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church convened at Nyadiri Mission, Wednesday, October 6th, 1937, at 9.0 a.m., Bishop John M. Springer D.D. presiding.

Communion Service.—This being Assembly Day for the Nyadiri, Mrewa and Mtoko Districts, after the parade, the people came together for an out-door service. Hymn No. 1 in the Chimanyika Hymnal was sung, and the Bishop preached. Assisted by the Ministers of the Conference, the Bishop administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The service closed with the Benediction at 10.45 a.m. and the Conference went into recess.

Reconvened.—The Conference reconvened at 11.15 a.m. Hymn No. 461 in the Methodist Hymnal, "How Firm a Foundation" was sung. After repeating the Apostles Creed, G. A. Roberts and Titus Maranke led in prayer.

Roll Call.—The Bishop requested E. L. Sells to call the roll. The following were present :

W. Bourgaize	Johnson Maramba
Philip Chieza	Thomas Marange
Samuel Chieza	Titus Marange
Luke Chieza	Moses Mparutsa
Josiah Chimbadzwa	Zachariah Mukombiwa
Obadiah Chimonyo	Enoch Munjoma
Jonah Chitombo	Isaiah Munjoma
Isaiah Darikwa	M. J. Murphree
Clifford Faku	John Nduna
H. I. James	Reginald Ngonyama
Amos Kapenzi	T. A. O'Farrell
Silas Kasambira	G. A. Roberts
Hosea Katsidzira	Jackson Rugayo
Jonah Machiri	E. L. Sells
Patrick Machiri	H. E. Taylor

Retired

E. H. Greeley

Missionaries

Mrs. H. I. James
 Miss Pearl Mullikin
 Mrs. T. A. O'Farrell
 Mrs. E. L. Sells
 Mrs. H. E. Taylor
 Miss Sarah N. King

Miss Ona Parmenter
 Miss Oril Penney
 Miss Jessie Pfaff
 Miss Ila Scovill
 Miss Lulu Tubbs

When the name of Miss Mildred O. Benson, deceased, was called, the Conference stood and Miss O. Parmenter led in prayer.

Accepted Supply Pastors

William Chieza
 Shadrach Chirereka
 Silas Chitiyo
 Willie Mudede
 Joseph Makuto
 Dixon Matlyukira
 Roderick Kunyarimwe

Shadrech Nyemba
 Philemon Rasira
 Isaiah Tsopotso
 James Kaitano
 Lazarus Mahowa
 Ferris Zisengwe

Organization.—**Secretary**

On nomination of W. Bourgaize, E. L. Sells was elected Secretary.

Committees.—On motion of H. I. James, it was ordered that all committees elected this year continue through next year and the next session of the Annual Conference.

On motion of G. A. Roberts, it was ordered that the organization be completed by electing the committees at the next session.

Hours of Session.—On motion of T. A. O'Farrell, the hours of session were designated as from 8.30 a. m. to 12. 0 noon, with a recess at 10.0 o'clock.

Bishop's Gavel.—The Bishop spoke concerning his ivory gavel that was presented to him in Liberia by the mother Church of African Methodism.

Extension of Time.—On motion of H. I. James, the time was extended.

Greetings.—Bishop Springer brought the greetings of the Conferences of the Umtali Area, Liberia, Angola, Congo and Southeast Africa.

Adjournment.—On motion of W. Bourgaize, the Conference voted to adjourn.

Closing.—Moses Mparutsa pronounced the Benediction. The Conference stood adjourned at 12.15 p. m.

Second Day, —Thursday, October 7th, 1937

Opening.—The Conference was called to order by the Bishop at 8:30 a. m.

Devotions.—Hymn No. 2, "Come, Thou Almighty King" in the Methodist Hymnal was sung. The First Psalm was repeated in concert. Miss Mullikin led in prayer. The Bishop spoke on the first three Beatitudes of the Sermon on the Mount. Reginald Ngonyama led in prayer.

Minutes.—The minutes of the session of Wednesday were read and approved.

Conference Roll.—On motion of W. Bourgaize, it was ordered that the Conference Roll be made up according to the date of entrance into the conference.

Question One.—"Who are the members of the Lay Conference present, and who are its officers"

President - Lewis Tsododo

Secretary - Aaron Machiri

For members, see report of Lay Conference.

Assistant Secretary.—On nomination of E. L. Sells, Amos Kapenzi was elected assistant Secretary.

Question Thirty-four.—"Was the character of each Preacher examined."

The name of H. I. James was called and his character passed. The names of W. Bourgaize and G. A. Roberts were called, their characters passed and they read their reports.

Recess.—The Conference went into recess at 10:10 a.m.

Reconvened.—The Conference reconvened at 10:30 o'clock. Hymn No. 36 in the Chimanyika Hymnal was sung and Miss Ila Scovill led in prayer. The Bishop gave a short talk on Stewardship.

Organization.—**Question Seventeen.**—"What standing Committees shall be appointed by this body"

M. J. Murphree presented the nominations of the District Superintendents and on motion the following Committees and expired terms in Boards were elected. These elections are for the coming year and the next Conference session.

Board of Education

(Term expiring 1940)

H. I. James

John Nduna

Jessie Pfaff

W. Bourgaize

Board of Stewards

(Term expiring 1940)

M. J. Murphree

Titus Maranke

T. A. O'Farrell

Board of Sunday Schools

Miss Pearl Mullikin

Amos Kapenzi

Miss Sarah King

Benjamin Katsidzira

Mrs. T. A. O'Farrell

Enoch Munjoma

Miss Lulu Tubbs

Johnson Maramba

Board of Home Missions and Church Extension

(Term expiring 1940)

Mrs. G. A. Roberts

Philip Chieza

Miss Ha Scovill

Committee on Hospitals and Medical Work

H. E. Taylor

G. A. Roberts

Miss Ruth Hansson

Miss Ona Parmenter

Miss Irene Gugin

Thomas Marange

Miss Oril Penney

Moses Mparutsa

Miss Alice Whitney

Job Tsiga

Mrs. H. I. James

Committee on Interdenominational Relations

The District Superintendents

Isaiah Munjoma

Titus Maranke

Committee on the State of the Church

T. A. O'Farrell

Mrs. H. I. James

W. Bourgaize

Z. Mukombiwa

G. A. Roberts

Thomas Marange

Hosea Katsidzira

Miss Lulu Tubbs

Patrick Machiri

J. Rugayo

Mrs. G. A. Roberts

H. E. Taylor

B. Katsidzira

Jonah Chitombo

Committee on Publications

The Finance Committee

E. H. Greeley

Editor of the Umbowo

Mrs. H. E. Taylor

Miss Lulu Tubbs

Committee on Resolutions

W. Bourgaize
E. H. Greeley
E. L. Sells
G. A. Roberts

Miss Sarah King
Moses Mparutsa
Samuel Chieza

Committee on Memoirs

Miss Jessie Pfaff
Josiah Chimbadzwa

Reginald Ngonyama

Historical Committee

E. L. Sells
G. A. Roberts
E. H. Greeley
T. A. O'Farrell
Miss F. Quinton

Miss Pearl Mullikin
C. Faku
Josiah Chimbadzwa
Thomas Marange
Isaiah Munjoma

Statistician.—On motion of M. J. Murphree, H. E. Taylor was elected Statistician. John Nduna was named as the Assistant.

Treasurer.—On motion of T. A. O'Farrell, H. I. James was elected as the Treasurer.

Question Thirty-four.—was resumed.

H. I. James read his report. The name of T. A. O'Farrell was called, his character passed and he read his report.

Extension of Time.—On motion of G. A. Roberts, the time was extended.

Question Thirty-four.—The name of M. J. Murphree was called, his character passed and he read his report.

Closing.—After the announcements. E. H. Greeley led in prayer and the Conference stood adjourned at 12:30 p. m.

Third Day,—Friday, October 8th, 1937

Opening.—The Conference was called to order by the Bishop at 8:30 a.m.

Devotions.—After singing Hymn No. 410, "Lord speak to me, that I may speak" in the Methodist Hymnal, W. Bourgaize led in prayer. The Bishop spoke on the fourth, fifth and sixth Beatitudes. Obadiah Chimonyo led in prayer.

Minutes.—The Minutes of the session of Thursday were read and approved.

Committee on Conference Relations.—On nomination of M. J. Murphree, the following Committee on Conference Relations was elected :

T. A. O'Farrell	Isaiah Darikwa
W. Bourgaize	J. M. Chimbadzwa
M. J. Murphree	Thomas Marange

Committee on Accepted Supply Pastors.—The Bishop appointed the following Committee on Accepted Supply Pastors:

H. I. James	J. M. Chimbadzwa
E. L. Sells	Thomas Marange
C. Faku	M. J. Murphree

Auditing Committee.—On nomination of W. Bourgaize, the following Committee was elected to audit the books of the Conference Treasurer:

M. J. Murphree
H. E. Taylor
C. Faku

Question two.—was asked and answered in the negative.

On motion of H. I. James, the Bishop was requested to appoint a Committee to investigate the possibilities of incorporating the Conference.

Question Three.—was asked and answered in the negative.

Question Five.—was asked. (a) was answered in the negative

(b). For the General Conference expense fund two-shillings and six pence was apportioned to each church.

On motion of H. I. James, every organized group is considered a church for paying the above amount. (There being 139 organized churches in the list of appointments it would make a total of £34.15.0. apportioned by the Conference.)

Million Unit Fellowship.—On motion of T. A. O'Farrell, the Bishop was requested to appoint a committee to consider the possibilities of a Conference program along the lines as now being used in the Home Conferences. The following were appointed :

T. A. O'Farrell	Jonah Chitombo
E. L. Sells	J. Chimbadzwa
Miss Sarah King	Moses Mparutsa

Questions Six, Eight and Nine.—were asked and answered in the negative.

Report from the Lay Conference.—Aaron Machiri read the report of the Lay Conference. The report was received and discussed.

Recess.—Conference went into recess at 10.0 o'clock.

Reconvened.—The Conference reconvened at 10.20 a.m. with the singing of Hymn No. 211 "Zwangu Zwese" in the Chimanyika Hymnal. Escavaw Zunguze led in prayer. The Bishop spoke on Stewardship.

Report of the Lay Conference.—A discussion of the report was continued. On motion of Isaiah Munjoma, the item number two, that refers to the formation of a missionary society was referred to the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension.

On motion of E. L. Sells, item number 4, that has to do with the request from the Salisbury Church was referred to the Committee on Interdenominational Relations with the request that the Lay Delegate from Salisbury be present at the meeting.

Question Nineteen.—"Where shall the next Conference be held?"

M. J. Murphree extended the invitation to meet at Old Umtali. On motion of Philip Chieza, the invitation to meet at Old Umtali next year was accepted.

Finances.—H. E. Taylor discussed the Budget of the Finance Committee as it relates to the Conference.

Adjournment.—After the announcements, H. E. Taylor pronounced the Benediction and the Conference stood adjourned at 12.0 noon.

Fourth Day,—Saturday, October 9th, 1937

Opening.—The Conference was called to order by the Bishop at 8.30 a.m.

Devotions.—Hymn No. 408 "Lead on, O King Eternal" in the Methodist Hymnal was sung. Mrs. H. E. Taylor led in prayer. The Bishop spoke on Matt. 5. 9. Jackson Rugayo led in prayer and the Nyadiri Church Choir sang.

Minutes.—The minutes of the session of Friday were read and approved.

Questions.—20, 21, 23, 26, 27, 25 and 28 were asked and answered in the negative.

Question Twenty-four.—"Who have been received on Trial?"

M. J. Murphree presented the name of M. E. Persons, recommended by the Spokane Quarterly Conference. The Registrar reported that he had completed the studies for reception on trial. The Committee on Conference Relations recommended that he be received. On motion, he was received on Trial and placed in the studies of the first year.

Question Twenty-nine.—"What Members are in the studies of the Fourth Year?" The name of Luke Chieza was called. The Registrar reported that he had completed the studies of the third year. On motion, he was advanced to the studies of the fourth year.

Question Thirty.—"What members have completed the Studies of the Fourth Year?"

The names of Jonah Chitombo and Jonah Machiri were called. The Registrar reported that they have completed the the studies of the fourth year. On motion of T. A. O'Farrell, they were graduated from the course of studies and elected to Elders Orders.

Questions.—37, 38, 40, 41, 39, 45, 31, 32, 33, and 36 were asked and answered in the negative.

Question Thirty-four.—was resumed.

The names of the following preachers were called and their characters were passed:

L. E. Adkins	Patrick Machiri
Philip Chieza	Johnson Maramba
Samuel Chieza	Thomas Marange
Luke Chieza	Titus Maranke
Josiah Chimbadzwa	Moses Mparutsa
Obadiah Chimonyo	Zachariah Mukombiwa
Isaiah Darikwa	Enoch Munjoma
Clifford Faku	Isaiah Munjoma
R. C. Gates	Johu Nduna
Amos Kapenzi	Reginald Ngonyama
Silas Kasambira	Jackson Rugayo
Benjamin Katsidzira	E. L. Sells
Hosea Katsidzira	H. E. Taylor
Jonah Machiri	

E. L. Sells read his report.

Question Forty-two.—Who are the Retired Ministers?

The name of E. H. Greeley was called and he was continued in the retired relation.

Recess.—The Conference went into recess at 10.0 o'clock.

Reconvened.—The Conference reconvened at 10.20 with the singing of Hymn No. 17 "Shamwari Mugondeki" in the Chimanyika Hymnal. Lewis Tsododo led in prayer. The Bishop spoke on Stewardship.

God's Acre Plan.—H. E. Taylor spoke on the necessity and value of God's Acre Plan to the church.

Native Christian Convention.—Amos Kapenzi read the report of the Native Christian Convention. On motion of G. A. Roberts the report was received with gratitude and ordered published in the Journal. On nomination of the Native Christian Convention, the following officers were elected:

President,	Isaiah Munjoma
Vice-President,	Jackson Rugayo
Secretary,	Amos Kapenzi
Vice-Secretary.	Martin Chiza
Treasurer,	John Nduna

Members of the Committee, Abraham Kawadza and Jonathan Chimbadzwa.

On nomination, the following were elected Missionary Advisory members: W. Bourgaize and Miss Sarah King.

Treasurer's Report.—The Conference Treasurer read his report. See reports.

Board of Stewards.—Josiah Chimbadzwa read the report of the Board of Stewards. On motion, the report was adopted. See reports.

Closing.—Thomas Marange pronounced the Benediction and the Conference stood adjourned at 12.0 noon.

Fifth Day,—Sunday, October 10th, 1937

Worship Service and Sermon.—The public service of Divine Worship was held in the Nyadiri Church at 10.0 a.m. with Bishop John M. Springer preaching.

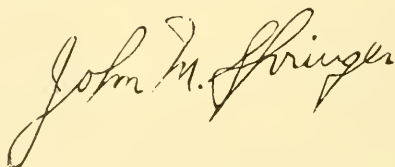
Recognition of the member received on Trial.—The Bishop asked M. E. Persons, received on Trial at the last session, to speak. With six members of the Conference he welcomed him into probationary membership.

Ordination Service.—The Secretary presented the candidates for ordination, and, assisted by elders, the Bishop Ordained Jonah Chitombo and Jonah Machiri as Elders.

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION

This certifies that on the tenth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven, in the Methodist Episcopal Church at Nyadiri, Southern Rhodesia, assisted by a number of Elders, I ordained Elders: Jonah T. Chitombo and Jonah P. Machiri.

(Signed)



Bishop

Nyadiri, S. Rhodesia
October. 10, 1937.

Sixth Day,—Monday, October 11th, 1937

Opening.—The Conference was called to order by the Bishop at 8.30 a. m.

Devotions.—After singing Hymn No. 634 "Tell it out." in the Methodist Hymnal, Miss Pearl Mullikin led in prayer. The Nyadiri Church choir sang. The Bishop spoke and Isaiah Darikwa led in prayer.

Minutes.—The Minutes of the session of Saturday were read and approved.

Presentations and Introductions.—

Miss Alice Whitney, who returned from furlough on last Friday was presented. Miss Lois Jessop, who recently arrived to assist at Old Umtali was introduced to the Conference. The name of Mrs. Isabel Stella Sherrin, who has so ably filled the position as a nurse in the Nyadiri hospital during the past three months, was mentioned.

Report of the Statistician.—H. E. Taylor read the Statistical report.

Recess.—The Conference went into recess at 10.0 o'clock to meet at the call of the Bishop.

Afternoon Session

Opening.—The Bishop called the Conference to order at 2.30 p.m. with the singing of Hymn No. 506 "I need thee every hour" in the Methodist Hymnal. Miss Oril Penney led in prayer.

Minutes.—The minutes of the session of Sunday and the morning session were read and approved.

Board of Sunday Schools.—Enoch Munjoma read the report which was received. See reports

Board of Home Missions and Church Extension.—(Question Seven)

The Secretary read the report and on motion of H. I. James, it was adopted. See reports

Committee on the State of the Church.—H. E. Taylor read the report and on motion it was adopted. See reports

Board of Education.—John Nduna read the report and it was adopted. See reports.

Medical Committee.—Miss Alice Whitney read the report and on motion it was adopted. See reports.

Committee on Interdenominational Relations.—The Secretary read the report and on motion it was adopted. See reports.

Committee on Memoirs.—Josiah Chimbadzwa read the report which was received by a standing vote. H. E. Taylor led in prayer.

Question Twenty-two.—"Who have been Readmitted?"

T. A. O'Farrell recommended for the Committee on Conference Relations that David Mandisodza be readmitted to the Conference. On motion, he was readmitted.

Board of Ministerial Training.—The Registrar read a report from the Board of Ministerial Training. On motion, the report was adopted. See reports

Question Thirty-five.—C. Faku, for the Committee on Accepted Supply Pastors, read the list of the Local Preachers recommended an Supply Pastors. Their characters were passed and the list accepted. See roll of Supply Pastors.

Question Forty-four.—"Who are the Triers of Appeals?"
On motion of M. J. Murphree, the following were elected:

H. I. James	
Benjamin Katsidzira	Reserves
Thomas Marange	G. A. Roberts
John Nduna	C. Faku
H. E. Taylor	

Questions.—41, 5, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 18 were asked and answered in the negative.

Questions 7 and 16.—were asked. See reports.

Report on Advanced Education.—H. E. Taylor discussed the report of the sub-committee of the Missionary Conference on Advanced Education. The report was referred to the Board of Education.

Question Two.—was resumed.

The Bishop appointed the following Committee to investigate the possibilities of incorporating the Conference:

H. I. James	Reginald Ngonyama
Isaiah Munjoma	Luke Chieza
E. L. Sells	

Historical Committee.—E. L. Sells read the report, which was adopted.

Altersgate.—The Bishop spoke on the observance of the Altersgate experience of John Wesley next year. He spoke on the importance of the emphasis and announced plans for a three day retreat at the opening of Conference.

Journal.—On motion of H. I. James, the printed record of minutes was made the official record of the Conference and the Secretary was elected to edit and publish the Journal.

Committee on Resolutions.—G. A. Roberts read the report of the Committee and on motion it was adopted. See reports.

Greetings.—On motion of E. L. Sells, the Bishop was requested to convey to the Conferences of the Umtali Area, Angola, Congo, Liberia and Southeast Africa our greetings. On motion of E. L. Sells, it was ordered that our greetings be sent to Bishop Johnson.

Final Adjournment.—On motion of H. I. James, the Conference voted to adjourn after the approval of the minutes and the reading of the appointments.

Appointments.—After addressing the Conference, the Bishop read the appointments.

Closing.—The Bishop pronounced the Benediction and the Conference stood adjourned at 4:20 p. m.



Secretary's Certificate

This certifies that this volume of the seventh session of the Rhodesia Annual Conference held at Nyadiri Mission, October 6th to 11th, 1937 is a complete and correct record of the proceedings and reports, that it was adopted by the action of the Conference as its Official Record.

PRESIDING BISHOP

SECRETARY

Part IV.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

The Rhodesia Conference held at Nyadiri Mission October 6th to 11th, 1937.

A. UNITED SESSION

1. **Who are the members of the Lay Conference present, and who are its officers ?**
 (See Secretary's record for names of members.)
 President : Lewis Tsododo P. O. Mutambara
 Secretary : Aaron Machiri P. O. c/o Watsomba P.B. Umtali.
2. **Is the Annual Conference Incorporated According to the Requirement of the Discipline ?**
 No.
3. **What Officers and Persons holding Moneys, Funds etc., are Bonded, and in what Amounts, According to the Requirement of the Discipline ?**
 None.
4. **What are the Statistical and Financial Reports for the year ?**
 (a) From the Statistician. See Statistical Report.
 (b) From the Treasurer. See Treasurer's Report.
5. **(a) What are the Items and Aggregate of General Conference Benevolences apportioned to this Conference ?**
 None.
- (b) What amounts are fixed by this body as the minimum goals for General Conference Benevolences for the ensuing year ?**
 Two Shillings and six pence from each Church for General Conference Expendence.
6. **What Reports and Exhibits are presented by Conference Boards and Institutions ?**
 See District Superintendents' Reports.
7. **What is the Annual Report of the Conference Board of Home Missions and Church Extension ?**
 See Report.

8. What is the Annual Report of the Conference Board of Foreign Missions ?
No report.
9. What are the Claims on the Conference Funds ?
None.
10. (a) What has been received on these Claims ?
From Pastoral Charges 12/10
Total 12/10
- (b) How has it been Applied ?
Placed on deposit and invested in Government Loan Certificates.
11. What amount has been apportioned to the Pastoral Charges within the Conference, to be raised for the Support of Conference Claimants ?
Two and one half percent of Pastor's salary.
12. What are the Items and Aggregate of Annual Conference Benevolences approved by this body for the ensuing year ?
None.
13. What approved financial campaigns are to be carried on in this Conference during the ensuing year, and for what amounts ?
None.
14. What is the schedule of Minimum Support ?
None.
15. What are the approved claims for the support of District Superintendents, Bishops, and Conference Claimants for the ensuing year ?
None.
16. What shall be the Evangelistic and Religious Educational Plan for the ensuing year ?
See reports of District Superintendents and Board of Sunday Schools.
17. What Standing Committees shall be appointed by this body ?
See Committees.

18. What other items of business shall be considered by this United Session ?

None.

19. Where shall the Next Session of the Conference be held ?

Old Umtali.

B. ANNUAL CONFERENCE

20. Who have had their Credentials Restored without readmission to the Conference ?

None.

21. Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conference ?

None.

22. Who have been Readmitted ?

(b) After Involuntary Location.

David Mandisodza.

23. Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches ?

None.

24. Who have been Received on Trial ?

(a) In Studies of First Year.

M. E. Persons.

(b) In Studies of Third Year under the Seminary Rule.

None.

(c) Exempt from Course of Study under Seminary Rule.

None.

25. Who have been Continued on Trial ?

(a) In Studies of First Year.

None.

(b) In Studies of Second Year.

None.

(c) In Studies of Third Year.

None.

(d) In Studies of Fourth Year.

None.

26. Who have been Discontinued ?

None.

27. Who have been admitted into Full Membership ?

- (a) Elected and Ordained Deacons this year.
None.
- (b) Elected and Ordained Deacons previously.
None.
- (c) Elected to be Ordained elsewhere.
None.
- (d) Ordained Deacon, having been previously elected
by Conference.
None.

28. What Members are in Studies of Third Year ?

- (a) Admitted into Full Membership this year.
None.
- (b) Admitted into Full Membership previously.
None.

29. What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year ?

Luke Chieza.

30. What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study ?

- (a) Elected and Ordained Elders this year.
Jonah Chitombo
Jonah Machiri.
- (b) Elected and Ordained Elders previously.
None.
- (c) Elected and Ordained Elders under Seminary Rule.
None.
- (d) Elected to be Ordained elsewhere.
None.
- (e) Ordained Elder, having been previously Elected by...
Conference.
- (f) Ordained Elder elsewhere under our Election.
None.

31. What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons ?

- (a) As Local Preachers.
None.
- (b) Under Seminary Rule.
None.
- (c) Under Missionary Rule.
None.
- (d) Elected by this Conference and Ordained elsewhere.
None.

32. What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders ?

(a) As Local Deacons.

None.

(b) Under Missionary Rule.

None.

(c) Elected by this Conference and Ordained elsewhere

None.

33. Who have been left without Appointment to Attend One of our Schools ?

None.

34. Was the Character of each Preacher examined ?

Yes.

35. Who are accepted as Supply Pastors ?

See list.

36. (a) What Accepted Supply Pastors now in charge are taking**1. The Conference Course of Study ?**

1. In the First year.

None.

2. In the Second Year.

None.

3. In the Third Year.

None.

4. In the Fourth Year.

None.

II. The Local Preachers' Course of Study ?

1. In the First Year.

None.

2. In the Second Year.

None.

3. In the Third Year.

None.

(b) Was the character of each Accepted Supply Pastor now in charge examined ?

Yes.

(c) I. Are the District Committees on Qualifications of Local Preachers nominated by the District Superintendents approved ?

No Committees.

- (c) **II What Local Preachers have completed satisfactorily the studies prescribed ?**
1. For Deacon's Orders.
None.
 2. For Elder's Orders.
None.
37. **Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences ?**
None.
38. **Who have died ?**
None.
39. **Who have had their Conference Membership terminated ?**
- (a) By Voluntary Location.
None.
 - (d) By Involuntary Location
None.
 - (c) By Surrender of the Ministerial Office and Credentials.
None.
 - (b) By Judicial Procedure.
None.
 - (e) By withdrawal.
1. **To Join the Ministry of another Church.**
None.
 2. **From the Ministry.**
None.
 3. **From the Ministry and Membership of the Church.**
None.
 4. **Under Complaints or Charges.**
None.
40. **What other personal Notations should be made ?**
None.
41. **Who are the Supernumerary Ministers, and for what number of years consecutively has each held this Relation ?**
None.
42. **Who are the Retired Ministers ?**
E. H. Greeley 11 years

43. Who have been granted Leave of absence ?

None.

44. Who are the Triers of Appeals ?

H. I. James,

H. E. Taylor.

Benjamin & Katsidzira,

(Reserves)

Thomas Marange,

C. Faku, .

John Nduna,

G. A. Roberts.

45. What institutions and organizations are approved by three-quarters vote of the Conference for appointment of Ministers in the Effective Relation with Annuity Claim ?

None

46. Where are the Preachers Stationed ?

See List of Appointments.

PART V.

LIST OF CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS

(The numbers after the names of members and missionaries indicate the consecutive years of the appointment.)

MREWA DISTRICT

H. I. James, Superintendent 2

Mrewa

Mrewa Mission

Howard Memorial Church

Assistant Pastor

Mrewa School

H. I. James 2

H. I. James 2

Isaiah Munjoma 1

K. Choto

Obadiah Musingwini

(Anna Karlos)

(Eleanor Chizowa)

Women's Work

Mrs. H. I. James 2

Mrewa Circuit

Chaanetsa

Chingono

Chomosweswe

Choruwa

Gomba

Hokodzi

Hunda

Jacobs

Kambarami

Muchinjike

Nyamutumbu

Rupange

Isaiah Munjoma 1

To be supplied

To be supplied

(Shadrach Magorongo)

Joseph Makuto

To be supplied

Jefferson Siyawanwaya

To be supplied

Lazarus Mahowa

Paul Chitaukira

Rodrick Kunyarimwe

(Esther Chiwaura)

Philip Mauchaza

(Titus Mufunde)

To be supplied

Mangwende Circuit

Chiguri

Gumbanjera

Mrewa Kraal

Nyagwiso

Mutize

David Mandisodza 1

Silas Chitiyo

To be supplied

To be supplied

To be supplied

James Kaitano

Headlands Circuit

Arnoldene

Chigudu

Fusire

Hosea Katsidzira 4

Moses Chisamba

To be supplied

James Mujeni

Magura	Dixon Matlyukira
Manuhwa	<i>To be supplied</i>
Mufunde	Daniel Makuto
Mukombwe	<i>To be supplied</i>
Mutibura	William Chieza
Muvundudzi	William Mudede
Salisbury	Isaiah Darikwa 1
Chikore Reserve	Hosea Katsidzira 4
Chikore	<i>To be supplied</i>
Dawara	<i>To be supplied</i>
District Evangelist	Luke Chieza 2

MTOKO DISTRICT

W. E. Bourgaize, Superintendent 6

Mtoko

South Circuit

Mtoko Mission

Pastor

Assistant Pastor

Principal of School

Assistants

Chitekwe

Chifodlya

Chimkopa

Gurure

Kagande

Muswairi

Makokoro

Nyamakopi

Nyakabao

Tsiga

W. E. Bourgaize 6

Samuel Chieza 6

Shadrack Nyemba

Timothy Mahachi

(Ruth Muredzwa)

Sydney Chidzwondo

Paul Muranda

Amos Muswairo

To be supplied

Michael Karonga

To be supplied

Zachariah Chigama

Enoch Kapswara

Jacob Nyamuda

Samuel Kapito

Isaac Musiwa

To be supplied

North Circuit

Katsande

Kawere

Kowo

Madzande

Nyakuchena

Makosa

Mudzonga

Masenda

Nyamakosi

Nyamkoho

Enoch Munjema 5

To be supplied

To be supplied

Don Gumbeze

Enoch Chingwena

Isaiah Chingwena

Peter Mufundi

Silas Musakwa

Shadrack Karimanzira

To be supplied

To be supplied

MUTAMBARA DISTRICT

G. A. Roberts, Superintendent 6

Mutambara

Mutambara Mission

Pastor

Assistant Pastor

Co-educational School

Principal

Assistants

G. A. Roberts 6

G. A. Roberts 6

Jackson Rugayo 5

Fannie Ellner 1

(Amos Kapswara)

(Period Dube)

(Lewis Tsododo)

(Martin Chiza)

(Jacob Mtisi)

(Davidson Manyarara)

(Agnes Muradzikwa)

(Eunice Munjoma)

(Dinah Danda)

(Anna More (higayo))

(Sophie Matongo)

(Lydia Mutengo)

(Siri Munjoma)

Women's Work

District School Inspector

Medical Work

Assistant

W. F. M. S. (Directress)

Mrs. G. A. Roberts 6

Mrs. G. A. Roberts 4

Miss Oril Penney 5

(Lazarus Chikonzo)

Lulu Tubbs 6

Fannie Ellener 1

Oril Penney 5

(Hannah Jamela)

District Missionary

Mutambara Circuit

Chakowa

Chiramba

Chitora

Dunhu

Nenohwe

Nyambeya

Rupise

Shinja

Zambasira

Chiamitie

Mutsiabako

Jackson Rugayo 5

Albert Mhlanga

Hezekiah Kaserera

Isaac Nematenzi

Thomas. Kamusona

To be supplied

Denford Mukundidza

(Edith Chipuza)

Eddy Sunderai

Edison Mutasa

*To be supplied**To be supplied*

NYADIRI DISTRICT

T. A. O'Farrell, Superintendent 4

Nyadiri Mission, P. B. 136 E Salisbury

Nyadiri Mission

Nyadiri Church

Associate Pastor

Co-educational School

Principal

Assistants

T. A. O'Farrell 4

T. A. O'Farrell 4

Moses Muparutsa 7

Ila M. Scovill 2

(Eddy Makombore)

(Ebson Zimonde)

(Gideon Darikwa)

(Samuel Munjoma)

(Hector Kambombe)

(Edward Makoni)

(Clara Manyarara)

(Agnes John)

(Emily Chinonzura)

(Josephine Sabola)

(Nancy Sachiti)

(Emma Rakabopa)

(Jonathan Maranke)

Jeannes Teacher

Community and Women's

Work

Assistant

Medical Work (Washburn

Memorial Hospital)

Resident Physician

Nurse

Assistants

Mrs. T. A. O'Farrell 4

(Mrs. Moses Muparutsa)

To be supplied

Alice M. Whitney 1

(Job Tsiga)

(Della Mutambara)

(Esther Tsododo)

Sarah King 1

Ila M. Scovill 2

Alice Whitney 1

W. F. M. S. (Directress)

Nyadiri Circuit

Chidodo

Kamucheka

Kangara

Kasambarare

Magaya

Manyika

Jonah Chitombo 3

Ferris Zisengwe

To be supplied

To be supplied

James Maswi

To be supplied

Jonah Chitombo

Philemon Gosha

(Annah Gosha)

(Amelia Muswe)

(Elsie Ngonyama)

Home Demonstrator

Mugabe
Mupaya
Musani
Nyamhara
Sori

Timothy Chirimumimba
Philemon Gosha
Nason Chigubu
Stephen Zambuko
Lazarus Samukange

Uzumba Circuit

Chifunde
Chikuhwa
Chitimbe
Chivinge
Gadaga
Garwe
Katiyo
Machekera
Mashambanhaka
Zanga
Zaranyika

Moses Muparutsa 3

To be supplied
Titus Katiyo
Paul Mutizi
To be supplied
To be supplied
To be supplied
To be supplied
Joseph Chipuriro
Josiah Mrewa
James Dzapasi

Maramba-Fungwi-Darwin Circuit-Jonah Chitombo 1

Maramba
Sapurambuya
Chinungu
Chidagwa
Dindi
Umtata

Wilson M'manga
Amon Kajese
To be supplied
Noah Muswe
Enoch Makuto
To be supplied

OLD UMTALI DISTRICT

M. J. Murphree, Superintendent 3

Old Umtali

Gandanzara Circuit

Chikuruwo
Gandanzara

Mapara
Mukahana
Ndingi
Tswikiro
Zuzi
Game Valley

Silas Kasambira 3

Elisha Gwishiri
Silas Kasambira 3
Phenehas Mutwiwa
To be supplied
Paul Malianga
Philip Sitole
To be supplied
Josiah Mutambanengwe
Methuen Masia

Odzi Circuit

Chikunda
Chiremba

Philip Chieza 5

To be supplied
Thomas Matara

Katsadzura
Odzi

Joyina Tsungweni
Philip Chieza 5

Old Umtali Circuit

Mandiambira
Manyarara
Marara
Mundenda

Obadiah Chimonyo 2
Samuel Matongo
Peter Mhlanga
Josiah Munotumani
Obadiah Chimonyo 2

Penhalonga

Johnson Maramba 3

Mtasa Circuit

Nhunama
Nyakatsapa

Jeannes Teacher
Bible Woman
Nyamukwarara
Rupinda
Sherukuru
Vumbunu
Wengo
Zinyembi

Patrick Machiri 3
Elias Jangano
Patrick Machiri
Amos Karumbidza
(Mary Matanga)
(Aaron Machiri)
(Bertha Mafunda)
Samuel Manjoro
Knife Chakarwira
James Mhlanga.
To be supplied
To be supplied
To be supplied

Chiduku Circuit

Chiduku
Chinyadza
Chikanda
Kufa (Chitenderano)
Gurure
Manyora
Muziti

Rukweza

Sharara

Zechariah Mukombiwa 4
To be supplied
(Catherine Kutukwa)
To be supplied
Samson Sora
Henry Chitiyo
Alec Murahwa
Isaiah Musamba
(Fibian Kasiamhuru)
Zechariah Mukombiwa
Teacher to be supplied
Leonard Kasambira
(Moses Gwizo)

Old Umtali Mission

Old Umtali Church
Theological and Bible
Training School

M. J. Murphree 3
Josiah Chimbadzwa 2

M. J. Murphree 3
Pearl Mullikin 6

Hartzell Training School	M. J. Murphree 3
Secretary	Lois Jessop 1
Teacher Training Dept.	Mrs. H. E. Taylor 5
Assistants	Jessie Pfaff 2
	Mrs. M. J. Murphree
	Clifford Faku 4
	John Nduna 6
Literary Department	Carl Huie 2
	Lois M. Pfaff 2
	Mrs. Velma Huie 2
	J. Loze 1
	Reginald Ngonyama 4
	Amos Kapenzi 9
	(Nancy Ngonyama)
	(Benjamin Gwaza)
	(Elia Chidzikwe)
Agriculture and Animal Husbandry	
Assistant	H. E. Taylor 5
	(Ashford Bepete)
Industrial Department	<i>To be supplied</i>
Assistants	(Elliot Sukhuma)
	(Nyadzani Tsododo)
Medical Work and Maternity Training	Ruth E. Hansson 5
	(Alice Hamadziripi)
Women's Work	Mrs. M. J. Murphree 3
	Ruth E. Hansson 4
Fairfield Girls' School	
W. F. M. S. (Directress)	F. Quinton 1
	Jessie A. Pfaff 2
	Lois M. Pfaff 2
	J. Loze 1
	(Elina Mangwandi)
	(Nancy Ngonyama)
	(Esther Sakutombo)
	(Harriet Mandikutsi)
	(Timothy Chieza)
	(Janje Rusero)
Old Umtali District Evangelist	Jonah Machiri 3
Asst. Superintendent of Schools	John Nduna 1

UMTALI DISTRICT

E. L. Sells, Superintendent 1

P. O. Box 55,

Umtali.

Marange Circuit

Chirinda
 Chipfatsura (Gwawawa)
 Mafararikwa
 Makomwe

Masasi
 Matanda
 Musiringofa
 Mutsago
 Nyika
 Shundure
 Jeannes Teacher

Benjamin Katsidzira 3

Aaron Chavokora
 Thompson Tsiga
 Samuel Chikwaiti

Benjamin Katsidzira 3

Isaiah Kuwana
 Joshua Mutsango
 Abisha Ndidzano
 Martin Nyagura
To be supplied
 Kenneth Murigwa
 Lionel Zimunya
 (Samson Zwinoira)

Umtali

St. Andrews (European)
 Coloured Church
 Native Church
 School

Native Girls' Hostel
 District Rukwadzo rwe
 Wadzimayi

E. L. Sells 1**E. L. Sells 1**

Titus Maranke 4
 Gladman Faku
 (Joyce Nyagombe)
 (Elizabeth Maviza)
 (Tamari Mauchaza)
 Ona M. Parmenter 2

Mrs. E. L. Sells 1**Zimunya Circuit**

Bvumba
 Chitakatira

Dangari
 Gwese
 Mukozhiwa
 Munyarari
 Muradzikwa

Murare

Rowa

Thomas Marange 11

Johnson Sachiti
 Job Gondora
 (Richard Mangwiro)
 Paul Maviza
 Samuel Gwarade
 Morrison Parwehosi
 Gibson Makaure

Thomas Marange 11

Mark Matanga
 Daniel Chitenderu
 (Justin Marwire)
 (Agnes Chitenderu)
 Benson Kapvumvuti

Special Appointments

Rhodesia Mission Press	Mrs. M. J. Murphree	2
Editor of Umbowo	Frances Quinton	1
Assistant	Josiah Chimbadzwa	
Editor Sunday School		
Literature	Pearl Mullikin	6
Sunday School Evangelist	Pearl Mullikin	1
Mission Correspondent	H. E. Taylor	2
Concession Registrar	The Mission Treasurer	
Associate Editor of		
Missionary Advocate	E. L. Sells	2
Area Office	<i>M. E. Persons</i>	1
On Furlough	Beulah Reitz	
	L. E. Adkins	
	R. C. Gates	
	Mrs. R. C. Gates	
	Mrs. L. E. Adkins	
	Grace Clark	

NOTE**Heavy Type**—Members of Conference.*Italics*—Members on Trial.

Roman—Missionaries and Accepted Supply Pastors.

()—Teachers and other workers.

Part VI.

(a) Reports of District Superintendents

REPORT OF MREWA DISTRICT

H. I. JAMES, *Superintendent*

Bishop Springer and Fellow-Workers,

We do not expect to come to Conference with a report that all is well and that there is nothing more to be done. We should, however, faithfully report the work as we have found it during the year. This we mean to do even though some of it may be unpleasant reading, though not all by any means.

We returned from furlough just over a year ago and were appointed to the Mrewa District. The scenes were all familiar for we had been here some years before. The welcome we received was well appreciated. We found, however, that there were differences in the outward appearances of the Work. This was partly due to the curtailing of finances and partly to reactions of perhaps various kinds. The missionary staff had been reduced since we were last here and the central school which had been Boarding School was now a Kraal School. Instead of 28 schools all manned in the outstations there were only 13 such. Whereas eight years before there had been 1557 members and probationers in the district now there were 1101. Government Grant that had been £349. was now £98. The thing that we did find as great or perhaps greater than when we were here before was the needs of the people, and it has been with this that we have been dealing for the past year.

We started the year with a three day retreat and council with the ministers, pastor-teachers and local preachers of the district at Mrewa. I have noted that it has been helpful through the whole district. We dealt with the local problems in the stations and evolved a more concerted plan of action. I find that our workers profit much from such meetings together. We had another such meeting in September for the pastor-teachers.

The work in the out-stations is in a very difficult phase. The appeal is for education. While this is good and within our programme yet the pull of the people and the push of the government must not keep us from limiting education to its proper place in the whole scheme of Evangelism. I feel that our church has suffered, not from too much educational effort but from an exaggerated comparative emphasis. We must not allow the growing custom of saying that a "station

is closed" just because there happens to be no school for some reason or other if the church is there and the work being carried on. This custom has resulted in the tendency for the people to withhold their support if there is not a teacher at the station.

There has been fairly good activity in the out-stations regarding the buildings. Many roofs have been put on new. A good kimberly brick church, one of the neatest and well built I have known, was built and dedicated shortly after last Conference. A burned brick church is now being erected at Mufunde, in the Headlands Circuit.

We have found an acceptable method of caring for the Sunday services according to a plan of appointments whereby sufficient of our ministers and local preachers are appointed to fill all the pulpits in the district. As a rule, where there are pastor-teachers they are preaching at their own stations at least on alternate Sundays. In this way a welcome change of message is brought to all congregations. We have about 58 local preachers.

At Easter we had a week's special services at Mrewa. In September our Camp Meeting at Munukwe was very well attended and results very encouraging. We are glad to report many other encouraging signs. During the year the Mrewa church congregations have more than doubled. Our planned enlargement is greatly needed now. Last Sunday there were 125 packed in the one wing measuring about 20 square yards. Our boys' boarding enrollment has increased 150% this year. Another very hopeful sign is being seen at the local government messengers' camp. Through the efforts of one of our Laymen definite evangelistic work is being done with good results. We are praying that this camp, with its great influence over the thousands who come in to the government center from all over the district, may become Christian in its influence.

Two years ago the old Paramount Chief, Mangwende, died. After waiting a year, according to their custom, a new Chief was chosen. Out of the three aspirants put forward by the people the government chose the youngest of the three. The other two were not Christian and wedded to the old and backward customs but the younger man was a Christian. He was inaugurated this year. Before the ceremony he came to me saying "I am a member of your church. All of worth that I have received from your mission. I want you to come to the ceremony of my inauguration. I also wish you to close the school for the day that all the mission people may come and sing at the ceremony." We gladly did. I suppose Christian song had never been used at previous installation of a Chief of the Mangwende Reserve.

During the past I have had the oversight of the Chiduku Circuit previously under the Superintendent of the Umtali District. This I feel can only be a temporary arrangement on account of the distance from Mrewa. On this account I recommend that the statistics this year be not included in the Mrewa District but in the Umtali District as usual so that the balance of statistical figures may not be upset. This is one of the older circuits and seems to be well established. The Camp Meeting in this circuit was held the week preceding Conference. I was utterly unable to be present but Miss Mullikin and Miss Tubbs kindly said they would be responsible for which I am very grateful to them.

This year we have had the Rev. Luke Chieza with us as District Evangelist. His work at the stations of the district as well as at the Camp Meetings has abundantly justified the appointment.

There seems to be an undercurrent of unrest among our pastor-teachers. I believe there is some secret fomenter of the trouble and that the rank and file have been deceived. The troublemaker may be within our ranks or otherwise. In any case I think we must be open and fair but seek to discover where the mischief arose. This matter seems to be running throughout the whole Conference.

The work in Salisbury is still demanding and getting the full time of a minister. It is rather an expensive unit of work and I feel that the people there are able to take a larger share in the cost of the work. The minister there, Rev. Isaiah Munjoma has been in Salisbury for 8 years. Though he will continue in that appointment if so desired yet he would welcome a change. He has done very good work there but I shall recommend that he be changed to circuit work at this conference.

We look forward with great hope to the future. We seek for Divine guidance and for wisdom in the task given to us here.

REPORT OF MTOKO DISTRICT

W. Bourgaize, *Superintendent*

Bishop Springer and Fellow-Workers :

As one stops to review and to estimate the work of this Conference year, one is sternly reminded that religion does not mean exemption from hardship, sickness or failure. But that religion does consist in that feeling or pull from within and from above, and a response to it, a recognition of it, not a starving of it or ignoring of it or denying it.

As for this report. One may report the things attempted, but in things spiritual there is so much that defies the measuring rod. So, that as to the real accomplishment, who knows of it but the Lord.

The year has been one of mixed bane and blessing. Considerable sickness has been prevalent with us, a good deal more than usual. Among other things the writer came down with a dose of 'shingles.' However, his only complaint was that these same 'shingles' could not be used for building purposes.

One thing we do know and that is that no real effort for the Lord is ever wasted. Therefore, we have worked together in faith and unity, content to leave the results with Him. The work of the year has been thoroughly enjoyed. Difficulties have been not few and at times baffling. Co-operation between ministers, pastor-teachers and missionary has made the year a happy and a fruitful one. Furthermore, active, practical support and co-operation on the part of various members of the Mtoko Native Department has helped tremendously to lighten the load.

Mtoko Center

Nothing startling has developed in the work at the Mtoko Center. "Like Topsy," we continue to grow. the Boy's Boarding School has increased in numbers from thirty to forty, and, shows every indication of increasing to fifty this coming year. The farm, run entirely on the rotation plan, hence becoming more productive each year, has raised sufficient mealies to form a reserve so that we will not have to plant a single mealie this coming season. We will be enabled to put the available lands to a cash crop from the sale of which we hope to be able to purchase some much needed equipment in the way of mule harness, etc. and a few other things urgently required. Twelve bags of shelled nuts was also raised. We experimented on a small scale with cotton, but, the results when judged from financial standpoint were not very gratifying.

The Day School under the leadership of Shadrack Nyemba and assisted by Timothy Mahachi and Ruth Muredzwa has an average daily attendance of 180, and, is maintaining its high standard of efficiency as proved by the graduate students who when they leave us to go to other Training Schools for further training are seldom, if ever, put back in their grades.

In order to meet the constantly increasing demand for housing facilities at the Center for our teachers, a commodious comfortable, five roomed house of kimberly brick has been erected. This has been done with school labor, and

at no additional cost to the Mission beyond the regular appropriation. Already planned for next year is a large dormitory capable of housing fifty boys. This also will be financed within the regular appropriation.

The Sunday services have been very well attended throughout the year. Our native population at the Center is a very transient one; here today and gone tomorrow. Nevertheless, seed is being sown, in faith; sometime, somewhere, that seed will bear fruit even though, we, at the moment, may not see it.

The work at the Mtemwa Leper Camp continues to grow. Divine service is held every Sabbath day by one or other of our Lay workers when not conducted by a Minister. They, the lepers, entirely on their own initiative, are erecting a church building of kimberly brick, and, in this small building they gather for their services. This part of the work has been entirely under the able supervision of Samuel Chieza, as well as weekly service which is now being held at the jail for those who unfortunately have in some way contravened the law.

Circuit work

There are some folk who say "I don't think there is hope of much improvement in the villages until there is economic improvement." That is true. And, to that extent the Government has taken definite steps to gain this economic improvement for the villagers by acting as middleman for a Salisbury firm which is paying cash for nuts, beans and hides. They, the Government, are also attempting to induce the villagers to grow cotton as a cash crop as well as a soil improver. This, however, has so far been only attempted and tried out on a small scale; hence, time alone can prove the advantage, or, disadvantage of cotton growing in the Native Reserves.

At the same time I would say "I don't see hope of much economic improvement in the villages of Africa unless there is spiritual improvement along with the economic." The sins of the heart are the greatest obstacles to material progress. Laziness, dis-honesty, distrust, deceit and selfishness ruin crops, prevents and retards co-operation and spreads disease. It is this much needed spiritual improvement that the oft-times despised village church-school is bringing to the African villages. All the cotton growing this year was done by individuals influenced by the village church-school. They had faith enough to try a new way as compared with the way of their fathers, which distrusts anything new.

However, these same village church-schools need leaders and pastor-teachers who not only believe in their race, but,

also are devoted to its advancement, and who at the same time understand the measure of self sacrifice, self discipline, undaunted effort and hard work that are necessary to reach this desired goal. To a large extent we have all too few of this type of pastor-teacher. And, until we do, real advancement will not be steady or general but will continue to be sporadic.

Of the sixteen out-stations in this district one will have to be closed during 1938. But, on the other hand, three that have been closed will be re-opened. The same splendid spirit of co-operation which existed last year between pastor-teachers, ministers and missionary continues and thus contributes greatly to the pleasure and efficiency of the work.

The Rukwadzano rhwe Wadzimayi (Meeting of the Women) is exercising no small influence among the women of the native villages. They held a three days meeting during the first week of September, and, already much good has come of it. This meeting was immediately followed by our annual camp-meeting which yielded gracious results. Plans are now under consideration to erect a large tabernacle to be used for holding Quarterly meetings as well as for camp-meeting purposes. A lovely location has been found which besides being fairly central for the majority of the out-stations, also can furnish the requisites necessary for a large gathering, such as water, shade, shelter etc.

Conclusion

For Africa to accept the Christian way of life and build its institutions upon it is to open the gates of hope and justice and brotherhood for itself and for all mankind.

As we follow the gleam with which the gospel lights our path, we shall have need of all the faith, fortitude and heroism that belongs to our Christian faith.

"Give us, O God, the strength to build

The City that hath stood too long a dream.

Already in the mind of God, that city riseth fair,
Lo! how its splendor challenges the souls that greatly dare,
Yea, bids us seize the WHOLE of life and build its glory there."

REPORT OF MUTAMBARA DISTRICT

G. A. Roberts, *Superintendent*

Bishop Springer and Fellow-Workers,

We bring you greetings from all the Christian people in Mutambaia District. We were grateful for the presence of our Bishop at the Camp Meeting which was held a short time ago.

The key-note of our Camp Meeting this year was, "The Just shall live by faith." Added to that came a deeper realization of the hunger and need of souls all about us. Personal workers brought such reports as these: "Many do not know how to pray." "Some have no Bibles." "Others can't read." And such hungry ones came to the altar in scores seeking Jesus Christ. Before this revelation of the needs of the multitudes came, a new and deeper faith was given to many Christians. More than one thousand people camped on the grounds and many others came daily. On Missionary Day ten young people came to the altar giving their lives for definite Christian service. One young woman who is now prepared will be a missionary in the Mutambara District next year. Our church is already growing stronger because we have a Missionary Society to send the Gospel to heathen tribes.

The Christian women have a prayer meeting and industrial class on Thursday afternoon. The Rukwadzano is also active and is helping many women to come to God. One very notable case was an old witch doctor who brought all her charms to be burned, gave up her profession as doctor, which was her income, and turned to Christ.

This year the men have organized a prayer meeting which is held Thursday night on the Reserve. They are reaching and helping many people. The regular prayer meeting, class meetings, and church services are carried on as usual.

The average attendance at Sunday School this year is 425. There are twenty-four teachers, part of whom are substitutes taking the classes of those who go out for preaching and personal work, for a considerable number go regularly on alternate Sundays. The Primary Department with its sixty tiny children is most interesting, and still we are hoping to form some plan to increase the attendance and bring more of the Reserve boys and girls into the Sunday School.

The total enrollment at the center is 525 of which 118 are Boarding girls and 125 Boarding boys. The number of boys and girls in the Day School is also nearly equally divided. The Night School has grown from thirty-seven to sixty-six this term. The adding of Standard Four has been beneficial to both its pupils and the school. Because of over-crowded conditions at the Center, and the distance some children must come, there is a great need of a Primary school on the Reserve. The building would also be used as chapel and community hall for the people.

The Boarding Departments have few changes from year to year. Boys and girls come and go, some becoming teachers and others helping to establish Christian homes. Since the home has more power in the lives of the people than

almost any other influence, we feel that the training of these young people is of importance. We try to develop a balanced life helping them to understand that pure hearts, mental development, busy hands, and physical fitness, are all essential.

There are two detachments of Wayfarers. Two of our Sub-leaders were made Acting Leaders at our last enrollment ceremony. They are among the few Acting Leaders in Southern Rhodesia and are doing especially good work among the girls.

The Medical work of Mutambara District and vicinity has increased to such proportions that it has completely outgrown the Mutambara Medical Department. Since January first over 11,000 out-patients and about 500 in-patients have been treated. White mans' medicine and treatment are far superior to those of the witch doctor. They have seen with their own eyes that many people that have been to many witch doctors and have spent much money, yet have not been benefitted by their treatment, have come to our dispensaries and hospitals and in a very short time have gone home cured. Patients, who in times past have been left to die, are being brought to us for help, and in the majority of cases have been healed.

Babies full of disease and starving for lack of medical aid and proper food are restored to strong happy ones to the delight and wonder of their parents. Many of these conditions could be prevented and we are trying to teach the people that "Prevention is better than cure," and that many things which come to them come because of ignorance and not because of witchcraft.

This has been a wonderful year for twins. Since last Conference we have had ten sets in for care and instruction of the mothers. Contrary to the native belief that the mother can only nurse one baby all these mothers have nursed their two babies with a good continuous gain on the part of the twins. One old heathen who had three wives and who was the father of several sets of twins in years gone by, when his young wife gave birth to twins would not allow them to be killed, but brought them here so his wife could be instructed in caring for them. These were the only twins at that station, beautiful babies. The old father was very proud of them and called the neighbors in to see them and then went around telling the people how wrong it is to kill their twins. He said to the teachers, "When I think of the number of twins which have been lost in this place it makes my heart very sad." As we look back over the last two years, as most of the twins are not over that age, we can begin to realize the terrible slaughter of babies which must have taken place

in the past. Thus the work healing sick bodies and sin sick souls is going on.

Saturday afternoon is often looked forward to with great interest by the crowds that gather to witness foot ball contests between Mutambara Boarding boys, and Reserve boys, and other teams.

Our eleven outstations are a problem just as any other situation in the front firing lines must be. We have opened a new station by dividing Shinja. So now there are two schools, Chaemiti and Shinja, both larger than the original Shinja was. The people are building a sun-dried brick church at Chaemiti. At Rupise a brave young woman is teaching and doing real missionary work. She couldn't endure seeing her relatives there with no school so she said she would teach for seven shillings and sixpence a month, or whatever they could pay her. She is faithful and her children all love her. We admire her courage. Down in the Sabi District the people are wonderfully blessed by the Government irrigation scheme for Native people. The stations there now have a chance to bring in Quarterly offerings where there has been almost continuous famine for five years. A plan is on foot to establish a large native village with our school as the center. This will be our Nenohwe work. Another station should be established on the Umvumvu project. At last we have secured permission to establish a school at Zambasira where the people are doing very well with their part of the teacher's support. For months the owners of the farms opposed the school but with permission now granted the school is rapidly growing. The old Mutsiabako station closed for some ten years has been re-established, and the people are coming back to God. This work has been accomplished by one unpaid Christian man who lives there and Student Volunteers from Mutambara Center. We realize the difficulties and problems the teachers in these outstations must daily meet and our prayers are constantly with them. We heartily wish we had more time to spend at each village station.

REPORT OF NYADIRI DISTRICT

T. A. O'FARRELL, *Superintendent,*

Bishop Springer and Fellow-Workers:

To form anything like an adequate aim for a District we shall have to keep in view not only the needs and the work near at hand, but in the most remote borders as well. We must carry the message of Christ and lay the foundation for the church in every part. We must provide the best

possible educational facilities for all the youth so that an enlightened generation may arise, and so that the specially endowed young men and women may prepare themselves for places of useful leadership.

As we undertake the work of healing, our efforts cannot be considered adequately effective until first class hospital facilities have been provided, until all have access to the agencies of healing, and until some effective means shall be found of disseminating everywhere the essential facts about sanitation, care of infants, the cause and prevention of disease, and also the need of making quick and full use of medical treatment.

A great variety of projects for social betterment must be undertaken by the church, until our people rise to a far more wholesome way of living. The church should also lead in helping the people to make full use of the natural resources.

If we think of Nyadiri District in the light of such a program we must admit that we are still in the days of small beginnings. For example, the eastern part of Darwin District which is our territory has scarcely been planned for. We must start where we are and reach our objectives as rapidly as possible.

The year just closed has witnessed further changes in personnel among both men and girl teachers as well as in the European staff. In May, Miss Clark took her well earned furlough and her place was filled by Miss Sarah King. Miss King's previous experience at Nyadiri enabled her to fit in without delay. In July, Miss Page left to take up Mission work in her own church. We were able to secure Mrs. Sherren to replace her. Both these women have made fine and conscientious efforts to look well after the sick.

The work has been seriously affected by illness among the staff. Jeannes Teacher, Jonathan Maranke took ill in February and his early visits to the stations could not be carried out as in previous years. Rev. Moses Muparutsa suffered an attack of black water fever. Nurse Della Mutambara was ill for several weeks. We are thankful that all have made good recoveries. Home Demonstrator, Elsie Ngonyama, is now on a six months sick leave. There were also two appendix operations in the O'Farrell family within a few months. Again we are grateful for restored health. However the work of the year has been made more difficult because of these interruptions.

General conditions affecting Natives.

It is not difficult to see the emergence of a favored class among the natives. All too frequently this group loses sight

of the masses and their needs. The real trying needs are likely to be found on the lower levels of society. Great numbers are without any educational privileges, and the conditions in such communities is little better than many years ago. From the entries on the certificates for boys coming to school one would say that wages for common labor are little, if any, higher than 25 years ago. It is good to see that the public conscience is awakening to the need for a minimum wage. There is no doubt that through the efforts of some advanced Natives and public spirited Europeans, living conditions for some of these submerged classes are being ameliorated. Witness better location houses in the towns, better lorry service, better medical facilities, the beginning in provision of camps for natives who travel. We saw recently where a drive is being made to give laborers on mines a six day week. We forget that still, many laborers live for months in very inferior huts, that hours are far too long, and often Sundays are also work days. Only a small beginning has been made to correct these evils. For example, go one mile to the road and witness the hundreds travelling on foot to and from Nyasaland. Every few miles one sees their open camp fires at night. Those returning from work trudge the hundreds of miles under heavy loads. Until such hard conditions are relieved we can expect little spiritual progress among them. In outlying kraals old and young alike are demanding schools, because that way lies progress and relief. These people are also ready for the Gospel. At our recent Camp Meeting some of the finest responses came from people from Maramba and Fungwi. They are also asking for teachers in many places, and the self-support there is more regular than any other section.

It is encouraging to see the increasing interest which Europeans are taking in the uplift of the Native people. We should lose no opportunity of working with them.

Farm produce has had a more ready cash sale than in other recent years, hence the people about us are for the present in a little easier circumstances.

Progress of the District

To come to our more immediate problem, Nyadiri District has had quite a prosperous year. The two ministers have carried very heavy work and have carried it well. Together with more than 70 Local Preachers they are carrying the Gospel regularly to many villages. We opened three new schools although one was temporarily closed in July for lack of a suitable teacher. The number is now 18. At Ma-

nyika where Home Demonstrator Elsie Ngonyama and Amelia Muswe work we find a detachment of wayfarers and a large group of girls who might easily be taken for those of a Boarding School. Some schools are developing very good choirs.

We have started hand work in earnest, and an exhibit of fibre work, basketry, pottery and wood work is to be held soon after Conference. I do not think we shall be able to do very successful agricultural work at kraal schools until the Government provides woven wire fencing for the plots.

The spiritual condition is steadily improving. The adult Christians are taking a new interest in evangelism. The separatist movement started 18 months ago at Chitimbe, Dr. Gurney's first permanent settlement in the north country, has entirely collapsed, and most of the people who were led away are finding their way back into the church. When they were having their all night carousal an old Pagan man attended one of the meetings. At the close he remarked, "This is all foolishment. I have known the church since it first came, and I believe it has the truth. But this is something different." His opinion was very helpful in restoring order.

The Local Preachers asked for a Conference and the Zanga Group invited them there. They provided food and entertainment. Representatives of the Women's groups, stewards, and some of the older girls were also invited. Besides lessons in Bible and sermon preparation for the local preachers many problems of the church were thoroughly discussed, such as a definite effort to bring all women into the Christian groups, more effective efforts of local preachers at preaching places; the general conduct of local preachers, better support of the church by adults, how to deal with the matorwa problem and other heathen customs which are inimical to Christianity. It was especially suggested that when preachers go for the Sunday services, they should go on Saturday, and do much visiting in the community.

If I were asked to point to an almost perfect piece of service it would be this: Three of the older Boarding boys, boys to whom others very often go for spiritual help, asked me for permission to make a tour of the Maramba and Fungwi Reserves during part of the June holidays. It meant a walk of at least 70 miles to the farthest station. As they left they sent me a letter stating their desires for success and asking for our prayers. When they returned, radiantly happy, they gave me a detailed report of their visits to kraals, having preached many times per day, some of the larger meetings having lasted until mid-night. It read like

a new chapter of Acts. The people up north were delighted and many were led to believe.

Our Camp Meeting began the latter part of August. The interest and attendance were the finest we have ever had. More than a hundred came from Maramba and the Fungwi, some having travelled 3 days. The Camp site is ideal, and excellent preparations had been made by the ministers. The preaching was effective. We were especially pleased with some of the young men. Abraham Kawadza also came to assist, and many people were helped by him. Many were saved. A good number sought and received the Holy Spirit.

Nyadiri Mission

Normal growth has brought us to the place where the need for the material developments which were expected years ago has become acute. We scarcely know what is needed most or needed first. The supply of water from the projected irrigation scheme is needed everywhere: for vegetable gardens, for the hospital, for domestic use at the dormitories, for sanitation, for growing food for stock.

The boys dormitories are not such as should be used in these days. Moreover suitable dormitories bringing the boys near together would make living conditions far better than is possible with them scattered all over the campus as at present. One of our missionaries used to complain that he was "too poor to be able to live economically." That is our position at Nyadiri. We are so poor that we cannot take advantage of golden opportunities.

The hospital is sorely needed. We shall require huts for a long time, but they should be better huts. But with the constantly increasing numbers, many patients have to be treated in huts who should be in wards. The maternity work is increasing rapidly, and frequently during the past year, the space for these patients has been quite inadequate. Funds are in New York for the hospital, at least for a substantial beginning and we hope they may be made available early next year.

The school has become greatly crowded. For a long time some classes have met in the Girls dining rooms. Moreover, nearly every mail brings applications from prospective boarding students. Most of these applicants have to be refused. More and more students come from our own kraal schools. But most of these applications from a distance come from our own Methodist people who are living in other parts of Rhodesia. Miss King now has plans for some new school rooms and it is hoped to begin them almost immediately. They will fill an urgent need. We are also considering the advisability of opening a Kraal School under the very

best Kraal School conditions to care for the sub-standard people. This plan may relieve the congestion temporarily.

We also need a church building. The assembly room of the school has been a great blessing as a place in which to worship. But it is very crowded. About 50 small children sit on mats in front, and often late comers are obliged to sit in the aisle on the floor. Moreover the church services should not be held in the place where the students meet daily for school.

It is very gratifying to see more of the girls becoming interested in teaching and other forms of services. One of the girls is now teaching in a kraal school and we could use many of them to advantage. Their industrial work is also showing improvement every year.

The Agricultural work has been pressed vigorously by Edward Makoni. The rotation plots have shown good results. In spite of an unfavorable season the farm produced about 800 bags (2,600 bushels) of mealies, a little more than half of which were grown in the location fields.

Hector Kambombe has done splendid work in teaching carpentry as well as fibre work. The more advanced Native people are depending upon him for advice as to homes and furniture. And the community has benefitted by his help. Many pieces of good furniture have been made and sold by the boys, working in their free time. The Doctor's house has been put into repair, the kitchen and store room have been added, and it has been furnished almost entirely by the shop.

Mrs. O'Farrell has improved the Bible classes for her women (more than 50 in number). In their handwork they have among other things assembled and perfected many Native designs, some of which were in use in Egypt 5,000 years ago.

We are glad to be able to report that Dr. S. H. Low, a Christian woman doctor has been employed as Resident Physician for Washburn Memorial Hospital. She will arrive with-in a few days. We are anticipating the realization of our hopes of many years in building up a real high grade medical plant at Nyadiri.

For the blessings of the past year we give thanks to a wise and merciful Father ; and to Him we look for guidance in the year that lies ahead of us.

REPORT OF OLD UMTALI DISTRICT

M. J. MURPHREE, *Superintendent*

Bishop Springer and Fellow-Workers:

In many ways the past Conference year has been the most difficult one I have experienced. There has been a considerable growth of the work as indicated by the increase in the numbers enrolled in the schools, and the increase in the numbers of those coming into the Church. At the same time there has been a decrease in the Missionary staff which has made it impossible to give the necessary care and supervision to the growing work.

In January Rev. and Mrs. L. E. Adkins went on furlough, and there were no Missionaries available to take over their work. At about the same time Miss Benson became ill and had to lay aside the work that she so dearly loved. While the work has suffered because of these losses from the Missionary staff, we have been very fortunate in securing competent local workers. At the beginning of the school year Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Huie and Miss J. Loze joined the teaching staff of Hartzell Training School. Mr. Huie was assigned to Standard VII, and Mrs. Huie and Miss Loze assigned to the two sections of Standard V. They have given very satisfactory service, and without them we should not have been able to meet the teaching requirements of the Teacher Training Department.

The total enrollment for this year is about the same as last year. The admission requirements have been raised, but still many are being turned away. The Standard VII class numbers 20 this year, which is, I think, the largest Standard VII class we have ever had.

Teacher Training

Mrs. Taylor writes on the Teacher Training work as follows:

"The enrollment of the third year Teacher Training Class is 20, and of the second year class is 27. There is no first year class this year because we are preparing for the change proposed by the Interdenominational Missionary Conference and Government, of having a two years Teacher Training Course-post Standard VI.

"The majority of the teachers graduating this year are planning on becoming teachers, but, there are several in the second year course, especially among the girls, who expect to drop out at the end of this year to take up other work. One girl on being questioned as to why she took Teacher Training when she knew that she had no thought of becoming a teacher replied that she had to pass Standard VI in order to take up the nurses' training course and that since

Standard VI was not given separately from the Teacher Training Course she had taken it. This has mean a great deal of unnecessary work. This, however, should be obviated after 1939, when only pupils desirous of becoming teachers will be enrolled in the Teacher Training Course.

"One of the most promising developments of the year's practical teaching has been the sending of pupil-teachers by pairs out to the village schools to teach for one week.

The Rev. Nduna, who so successfully acted as Head-teacher of our Model Kraal School for three years, made a very capable supervisor for the pupil-teachers while they were out. He reports that the practice was good for the pupil-teachers because they practiced in a field similar to that where they should eventually carry on that type of work, it was good for the regular teacher of that school because it gave him an opportunity of observing some of the newer methods of teaching, and the pupils in the Kraal School were delighted to have the new teaching and to learn new songs and new games.

"We have always used the term "Pastor-Teacher" for those whom we have sent out to teach. Our feeling at present is that we are training teachers who are expected to do pastoral work with very little, if any, pastoral training. We are in danger of defeating the real purpose of our missionary enterprise because our pupils are getting the impression that Pastoral work requires no preparation. We should have at Old Umtali a trained Minister who has time to undertake such training and **carry it through**. It has been begun by different missionaries at various times in the last few years, but, I have never known it to be carried on for more than a few months. The one who was trying to do that work was so overburdened with other tasks that this very vital work had to be dropped. "These ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone." But, how could he?

Agriculture

The Agricultural Department is reported on by Mr. Taylor as follows:

"Our people are, first of all, an agricultural people. Even though many go to the towns to work, it is still in the minds of most of them to return. The disturbing thought is that they have to leave at all or do not find enough interests to keep them at home. We must face the fact that the number who fail to return is increasing and that unless great enough interests be built up about the rural life, the number who go away to stay will increase. For their own sakes we are sorry that they face such a possibility. As Christians and

for their spiritual welfare the situation is of more serious moment than the economic. We cannot enter here into the philosophy of the sociological effects of crowding into cities. It suffices to say that study and thought cannot fail to disclose the deplorable results to mankind crowded in cities. Therefore, since our people are yet rural we face a dual responsibility for their social welfare. In other words, then, we must seek ways and means to help them to continue to find it possible to stay on the land. Along with the religious impress we seek to make we must bring to bear all the powers we can use for helping to make the social and economic appeal of the life on the land such as to hold our people there. Details as to the ways to help cannot be discussed in this report. but it is pointed out that the time is slipping away and the changes taking place will not halt of themselves. We must, in loyalty to our people, act for and with them. It is suggested that there be time allowed here in this Conference session for an open meeting in which discussion may bring out the facts and there-from we may seek guidance toward the first steps to take in order to meet the challenge.

"We have ample evidence at Old Umtali of the effect on this farm of better farming methods, rotation and erosion control. Pupils are realizing what is taking place. That knowledge and practice carried out from the school to the people is what we encourage. Let everyone who has any least appreciation of the need for rural life needs, do his share to see that whatever appeal or lesson he can put forward should be added to the effort to lead the people. The situation is fast approaching, if it has not already reached, a critical condition, and to fail in this now will bring ever increasing disappointments and difficulties for our people-spiritually, socially and economically."

Industrial Department

We are still hoping that some way may be found to supply the vacancy which has existed for so long in the Industrial Department. Although a subsidy of £200 has been available from the Government, we have not been able to secure, either through the Board of Foreign Missions, or locally, a suitable man to head the Industrial Department. Three local applicants seemed to be willing to come and suitable for the place, but for one reason or another failed to accept the position.

Bible School

The enrollment in the Bible School has been small, but we feel that much good has been accomplished. In addition to the teaching in the Bible School, Miss Millikin has assisted in the Bible teaching in the Training School. She

reports on the Bible School as follows:

"The Bible School has done better and more advanced work this year than ever before. Although it is closed out for the rest of the year, two girls have finished the course with the exception of some reading which they have been assigned to do and pass examination upon later. They have done enough of this work so that I know that they can easily do it. They are available for Bible women working in their homes in the Mtoko District if the Superintendent so desires. Their support can be taken care of by funds for that purpose.

"Those who are out for the rest of the year, have for the most part been placed where they can be useful. Two Standard IV and V girls are helping out as teachers in needy places, another will take the place of a Bible woman who is soon to be married. If nothing interferes, there should be five graduates next year; three girls and two men."

Fairfield Girls' School

Miss Benson is not with us today in the flesh, but we believe that she is here in spirit and sees and knows what is going on. The influence of her Christ-like life and character will never die. For the report of the Fairfield Girls' School we quote from one of her general letters written after she had been told that she had not long to live:

"Another year has passed—a year filled with gains and losses, with victories and crosses. As the days slip away time is kind to us in letting us forget the disappointments and remember the joys.

"In December five girls graduated from our school. All are teaching—two at our Mutambara station, two at Nyadiri and one here. All seem to be happy and fitting in splendidly in their new work. Perhaps we told you last year there would be six girl graduates? One was not able to finish the year with us, but she is teaching anyway this year. She is in Umtali where there is great need for strong Christians, and we hope she will be greatly used in advancing the Kingdom of Christ there.

"Let us tell you a bit of the life of former students and graduates. A few Sundays ago we had the privilege of visiting the Native church in Salisbury. There we met a goodly number who are now married and helping maintain Christian homes. They and their children were neat and clean, and had the "Christian glow" upon their faces. Thanksgiving swelled up in our hearts as we saw them, because town in Africa is a terrible place for Native folk to live, and it means much for them to stand steady and true there.

"At the time of opening school in January there was sickness and shortage of missionaries on the staff. The way the teacher-girls took hold and helped make schedules, plan work, etc. was most heart-warming. They were most patient and helpful to missionaries who were new to their work. How we do thank God for their loyalty.

Since the middle of last year we have had no W. F. M. S. nurse here at Old Umtali. Miss Hansson, the General Board Nurse, is always most willing to help us out in time of need, but she is so heavily loaded that we only call on her when necessary. Most of the responsibility for our sick girls falls on the native nurse girl who was one of our school girls a few years ago, and we do take comfort in the way she cares for and disciplines them. Most of the cases are malaria and she knows well what to do for that.

There is not time for all. We might go through the kraals and see Christian homes, Christian teachers, even a few nurses now, but time and space are too short. At Easter we had the usual special meetings. Many victories were won, many steps taken into the deeper life, but we realize there is still so very much to be done. Only as our prayers release the power of God can we expect to see Him victorious over the forces of darkness and evil all about us, and His Kingdom established in this land.

There are eight children in the Orphanage, the oldest of which is only two years old. Miss Hansson keeps them and cares for them until they are about eight months old, they are then brought to the Fairfield Orphanage.

VILLAGE SCHOOLS

Since the departure of Mr. Adkins, Rev. John Nduna has assisted with the supervision of the Village Schools. In this work he has shown himself very capable. I have asked him to report on the schools. His report follows:

"During the session of the last Annual Conference, Bishop Springer appointed me as a Kraal School travelling teacher for schools under the superintendency of Rev. M. J. Murphree. This work had been under the supervision of Rev. L. E. Adkins whose aims and efforts have been to uplift the intellectual and spiritual welfare of our Christian communities. The native people and teachers pay tribute to him and owe him unspeakable gratitude for the work he did amongst them, his unfailing love, patience on matters brought to him, and how he endured problems and hardships in the course of his work for the good of the Africans. His absence is a marked loss in the work of the Mission, particularly on the Native uplift.

The Hartzell Training School under which I had been for nine years as a teacher did not easily release me for the new appointment until the end of February. Early in March I began visiting the Kraal Schools of the five circuits, travelling on bicycle and on foot.

The Work of the Kraal Schools

Beginning the year 1937 there were 30 Kraal Schools, 27 aided, 3 unaided, and I am sorry to report that two of the aided ones have been closed due to lack of funds to support the teachers. Four schools closed temporarily for the same reason, have been reopened. This year, the total number of children under instruction is 1729, and the average enrollment is 57 children per school. At each village school scores of children who do not attend school are seen playing about. Many heathen and ignorant parents keep children out of school to attend to other duties such as herding flocks, caring for babies, and keeping birds and animals from destroying their crops. Similar duties also largely affect the attendance of those allowed to go to school, and the result is the poor work produced by such unfortunate children. It is encouraging to note that a little more than half of the children in Kraal Schools are children of the Christian people who seem to cooperate with the teachers in many of the efforts of the school. There is an increasing number of parents who are interested in education, and more children want to learn.

Progress of the Kraal Schools

"Some Kraal Schools are progressing in the work of the mind, hands and soul, especially where we have better trained, hard-working and religious men. In all lines of the work we see signs of improvement. At present the majority of teachers we have in the work are low standard, and so it is no wonder some schools are behind. Although these men are good Christians, yet the progress of the school is hindered by their lack of training. Trained teachers are greatly needed to meet the wish of both Government and the enlightened parents. Having more girls graduated as teachers, I believe that the time has come for female teachers to be employed in greater numbers for Kraal School work where proper protection is available.

Industrial Work

"Industrial work is also in many cases not up to standard owing to insufficient knowledge on the part of the teacher himself. Tools are not of the right kind or lacking altogether. The products of the school plots and vegetable gardens are improving. Often teachers do not make good use of the time set aside for industrial work.

School Buildings

There are few suitable buildings for the school and church purpose, but several good ones are being put up this year.

Barriers of Progress in the Kraal School

As I have already mentioned, the main barriers of progress in the Kraal School are the low qualifications of many of our teachers, the ignorance of parents as to the value of the children's education, the neglect of better attendance by the children themselves, the lack of proper equipment needed for the school work. These have been the major drawbacks to progress in the Kraal Schools.

The question before us is, "What should be done to improve these schools?" It is a true saying that Rome was not built in one day. What is actually needed with such schools is patience with their weaknesses and ignorance, the securing of teachers with as much training as possible, occasional vacation courses once or twice a year, more visits to the schools by Superintendents and Jeanes teachers, encouragement and necessary suggestions for the improvement of the work.

EVANGELISM

Rev. J. Chimbadzwa reports on the Old Umtali Church as follows:

Congregation

"Our congregation is steadily growing. Nearly every Sunday morning over 600 people attend Church service. Most of these are students and some come from the surrounding mines and farms. In our Church record we have 333 Full Members, 52 Preparatory Members, and 215 Baptized children.

The Growth of the Church

"1937 has been a year of spiritual growth. During our Easter special meetings 200 souls were born into the Kingdom of God, and in June 34 Probationers were received into the Church as Full Members. May all praise and honour and glory be to His name.

Preaching Places

Besides Old Umtali Church there are seven other little churches which are entirely looked after by our Local Preachers and many souls are being saved.

Missionary Spirit

"The missionary spirit has been gradually growing in our Wabvuwi meeting, and in last April we re-organized it into

a Missionary Society. At present we have on hand £5-10-0 for the work of spreading the Gospel in needy places."

Rev. Jonah Machiri, District Evangelist, has given full time to evangelistic meetings; at Old Umtali Center and throughout the district. His work has been greatly blessed of God, and my heart has been stirred as I have read the reports of his meetings. Hundreds of souls have been converted at the altar through his preaching.

Perhaps the evangelistic agency which is having the greatest results of all is the Camp Meetings. More than half of the 181 received as full members this year testified that they were saved in the Camp Meeting.

Another evangelistic agency which is having great influence amongst our people throughout the district is the Rukwadzano. We have listened to the testimonies of 181 who were received into full membership during the year, and a large percent of these testified that they were converted in the meetings of the Rukwadzano.

At the Quarterly Meetings held in June, at the Old Umtali Church, Rev. Josiah Chimbadzwa received 34 into full membership; Mount Makomwe with Rev. Benjamin Katsidzira received 30 into full membership; Nyakatsapa Circuit with Rev. Patrick Machiri received 30 into full membership of the Church; the Old Umtali-Odzi, Circuit with Rev. Obadiah Chimonyo and Phillip Chieza Pastors, received 29 into full membership of the church, the Gandanzara Circuit with Rev. Silas Kasambira, received 58 into full membership of the church.

Medical Work

Miss Hansson reports as follows:

"In spite of the handicaps caused by the shortage of help and an insufficient place in which to care for the sick, the medical work has gone forward. At times the work has been very hard, especially during the rainy season when patients were dragged outside between showers in order to clean and dry out the small leaky rooms. It was indeed difficult to find a dry place to shelter the sick, and we are glad that we need not spend another rainy season in the old place. The new, temporary hospital will be completed in a few weeks, and how thankful we are.

"The most prevalent ailments during the year have been severe malaria fever with various complications, sore throats of a severe type, and for several weeks an epidemic of 'flu'. It is always very wonderful to me to see what the healing ministry can do to body as well as soul, and I pray that I shall not forget the soul in healing the body.

"We had a nice class of kraal women in for two weeks of training. Some of them were very old, but eager to learn. It was encouraging to see how willing they were to sit day after day trying to learn new things. One old mbuya said, "My eyes have been opened. Now I begin to see the new way." We trust that these classes for the kraal women will be a beginning to dispel the ignorance, superstition and evil practices in connection with motherhood.

"We earnestly plead that the Rhodesia Conference take a definite step to set aside a worker for the women in the kraals.

"Our maternity work is steadily going forward, and the nurses in training are showing a definite Christian spirit in this their life's work. If we as a Conference could establish a policy so that the nurses were sure of a position, some as nurse only and some as teacher and nurse combined, we feel sure that it would encourage the girls to go on and would help both school and medical work.

"We also feel that we should like to mention the fact that the "For Jesus in Africa" fund of Sweden is a memory to our old mbuya and is to be used to send out a new sister, Rosa Rydell. We hope that her coming may bring blessing to Africa as well as to the friends in Sweden. She is due to arrive in the latter part of November, or early December.

Rhodesia Mission Press

Mrs. Murphree reports as follows:

"During this past Conference year our first task was to print the Conference Minutes. The regular printing such as the Sunday School Lessons, other pamphlets, circulars, letters, and job printing, all of which concern Mission work, have been carried on. The primer, "Tucece" has been stereotyped and 4500 copies have been printed during the year. The Ngoma supply has been sold out, but we have made a good start on the printing of a new word edition, which should be ready by the middle of 1938. It is with regret that we have not been able to print the "Umbowo" during the year, due to the lack of a sufficient number of subscriptions.

"The above printing represents the faithful work of our three full time printers and assistance given by Hartzell Training School students, who have been learning the printing trade in their free time from school."

Conclusion

In conclusion, we wish to record our deep gratitude to our Heavenly Father for His goodness and mercy which have followed us throughout the Conference year. For all the gains and victories His name be praised. The yoke has been easy and the burden light, because He has been by our side.

REPORT OF THE

UMTALI DISTRICT

E. L. Sells, *Superintendent*

The report of the Umtali District to this session of the Conference must of necessity be short. It consists of a personal word from the missionaries, ministers and pastor-teachers of the District.

The most outstanding accomplishment of the District Superintendent this year was to get back to Rhodesia with no ill effects from a busy and happy furlough. I was not keen on my furlough before taking it because of the difficulties that so many of our number have experienced in getting back to the field. With a turn for the better among the home churches and with a kindly, friendly and appreciative attitude on the part of the church people, my furlough turned out to be one of the most delightful experiences of my life. The graduate work taken at Cornell University was profitable and well worth while. The cultivation work and contacts made with more than three hundred churches renewed and refined my enthusiasm as a Methodist preacher and brought me into contact again with the heart of the church. In fact so delightful was my furlough that I am already preparing for the next one, some ten years hence.

In that the District is speaking for itself, I must mention the work of St. Andrew's Church for which I am directly responsible as the pastor. After coming in contact with so many churches in America and noting their successes and short-comings, I am convinced that there are more difficult churches than St. Andrew's. Our problems are similar to those found in almost every church. Personally I thank God for the opportunity of preaching and practicing the Gospel among the European people in Umtali.

The church is in a good condition and we look forward with optimism and a deep devotion to the tasks of the Kingdom there.

During the three months since our return Mrs. Sells has given all of her time to church work. The ladies of the church are responding in a fine way.

This ends my part of the report. Now the District speaks for itself. Miss O. Parmenter says: (Native Girls' Hostel)

"We have carried on our work steadily throughout the year. Although our numbers have not been so large, I am convinced that the public is becoming "Hostel Girl" minded. The demand for nurse and general maids is more than I can supply. I have visited in the locations. The assistant

spends a part of each day working with girls and women in the streets.

Paying transients have increased over that of last year. Rooms have been white-washed and tables added.

The Hygiene Class for the women of the District held in August was well attended and proved helpful. The class meetings for the girls have been held regularly. Detachments of Wayfarers and Sunbeams are being cared for. These are made up by the girls from our town school."

Before presenting the remaining workers of the District it would be interesting to note a few facts. The eleven churches of the District have a total Christian community of 2,300, which is an average of 210 persons for each church. There are 1,144 pupils in the eleven schools, which makes an average of 104 pupils in each school. The attendance at the schools is rapidly increasing each year. In Umtali (Native) there are 340 pupils in the Day and Evening Schools.

Rev. Titus Marange (Umtali-Native-Church):

"It is a joy and a pleasure to have a share in the work of the Lord, preaching the living Word and shepherding the sheep in his pasture. The congregations in the Umtali Church are very large. Every Sunday the building is filled with eager people. We are still adding to our building fund and looking forward to the day when we can erect a new church.

There are thirteen Sunday preaching places in and about Umtali. Eighteen local preachers conduct services, along with me, in these places. The Church has nine class meetings each week in which the members are instructed in the Christian way of life. We have many heart to heart talks in these meetings. Two hundred children attend the Sunday School. Many of these come from homes where Christ is not known.

The Rukwadzano rwe wadzimai hold evangelistic meetings in various parts of town every Friday afternoon. Many women who have been leading the bad life of the town are now in the fold of our Lord Jesus Christ. The women visit the hospital regularly. They bought hymnals for use in the services at the Jail.

The special services held during the week just before Easter brought a spiritual strengthening to our Church. Large numbers of women brought their charms, restored what was stolen and many drunkards gave up the drinking of beer. Many church members began having family prayers. An average of seven-hundred people attended the services each evening. There are three weekly prayer meetings carried on in various parts of the town. The Lord has wonderfully blessed our work.

My greatest joy of all is to know that I am one of God's servants, to feel the presence of my Lord Jesus and His blessing in all that I try to do in His name."

Zimunya Circuit

Rev. Thomas Marange :

"Since last Conference the Lord has been my great helper in His work. I have enjoyed working with my District Superintendent and the pastor-teachers.

During the year a new church and school was opened in the Rowa Native Purchase Area. A burnt brick building with an iron roof will soon be finished. Gwese school was re-opened this year and a teacher was sent there. The place is in a Native Purchase area and we cannot get a permanent site until the land is surveyed.

The District Camp-meeting at Gwese was very good. Many returned to the Lord and a large number were converted. Chief Zimunya attended part of the services and was greatly helped. When he went back home he said these words to the people: 'My heart is very, very glad to meet this gathering. The most important thing that I want to say is to give thanks that in my country there are so many pastor-teachers and ministers. I am thankful to the missionaries because they thought about my country. My last words, I am thankful to God because he has released my people so that they are free, even when going about. Let us Praise the Lord.

I am very thankful for all who are here, the Rukwadzano. I bid you good-bye. I shall see you again by the will of God.'

Headman Muradzikwa was converted this year and gave his testimony at the Camp-meeting. 'I am very glad in my heart because I want to follow the God whom my children are serving. I have given up doro (Beer) and all the heathen things that are not good. Pray for me that God may show me clearly the way to heaven.'

At Muradzikwa church the new stone building is finished. We have been two years in building it. At Chitakatira a new burnt brick school building is being elected. A new Church building has just been finished at Bvumba. A new Church building was started last month at Dangari. Munyarari are also ready to start a new building as soon as there is enough water to make the bricks.

The monthly meetings of the Rukwadzano at the various churches of the circuit have been very helpful. Many women have been brought to Christ. The Rukwadzano have given much money to help out the churches that are in need. On one occasion they held a service at the village of Chief

Zimunya and told him the story of the great King of Kings who put all these small chiefs here and cares for the world.

We are happy because of the faithful work accomplished in Zimunya Circuit this year."

The Churches of the Circuit

Johnson Sachiti (Bvunba): "We have done well in the work of our Church. God has answered our prayers and many have been gathered in. The stewards and the class-leaders have worked together in a fine way and have helped me very much in the work."

Paul Maviza (Dangari) "God called me to His work many years ago and I have always been glad to serve.

The women have done wonderful work in our church. They have given both spiritual and financial help. The people are all working together."

Samuel Gwarada (Gwese): "We are happy that our school is again going. Our school vegetable garden has produced well this year. The Camp-meeting last month was a great help to our people. Many who were drunkards have given up beer drinking. All help with their offerings."

Morrison Parwehosi (Mukozhiwa) "The members of our church are working together in a fine way. Many are being converted. The men have repaired the roof of the church building."

Mark Matanga (Muradzikwa) "I am glad that God has called me again into his work. There are one-hundred and sixty-six children in the school and I am the only teacher. The Sunday services are well attended but the class-meetings are not—only women. With Rev. Marange, I visited the people and I am hoping that they will do better. I am happy that Headman Muradzikwa was converted and has given up his evil ways. Let others rejoice with us. I am glad that God is using me here and is helping those who have eager hearts to do his will."

Job Gondora (Chitakatira): "We are working on our new school building. We are thankful for the one hundred-fifty children that attend the school. The women are bringing many of their sisters to Christ."

Daniel Chitenderu (Murare): "I am thankful that God called me to witness to His goodness. I am asking God to give me more power to lead others to Him. The work is going along very good. There is an increase in the number of children attending school. We have just finished building a new school shop. All are working hard to keep up the giving for the support of the church and to help it to stand in the good way. Some day we hope to have a better church building."

Gibson Makaanre (Munyarari): "The people have just repaired the old church building. We have arranged to build a nice church next year. Our water supply has been low and the people have dug a well for the church. Chief Zimunya lives in our community. He gives our church help and encouragement. The Sunday services are well attended."

Benson Kapfumvuti- (Rowa): "Our church is only nine months old as we are in a new place. The new burnt brick school and church building is now being erected. It will be a very good one when finished. We are all working together and are most happy to have our own church here."

Untali District looks forward and upward as it administers to a great host of people. The Gospel in practice is winning and telling its daily story. We ask for no greater opportunity and task.

(b) Committee Reports

Board of Education

The Board of Education recommends the following:

1. That Tsamba ye Cina be recommended as a book suitable for Standards 1 and 2 in the Kraal Schools.

2. We recommend that arrangements be made in at least one station of each circuit where Standard 2 will be given for the pupils of that circuit who are unable to go to a boarding school.

3. We recommend that each Superintendent arrange where possible an annual vacation course of two weeks for Kraal School Teachers.

4. In that Teacher Training is to begin in Standard 6 starting with 1939, we recommend that the Government be approached immediately to secure permission for Mutambara and Nyadiri to add Standard 5 and 6 as soon as they can meet the necessary conditions.

5. We recommend that adjustments of the school calendars for the next two school years be made so as to provide for the school year to begin during the third week of October.

Chairman, H. E. Taylor
Secretary, John Nduna

Report of the Historical Committee

At this time in the development of our Conference, we feel that the work of the Historical Committee is most important. As a Conference that is less than forty years old we hope to keep in tact the history of our missions and churches. It is desire of this Committee not only to collect and preserve every record that will be of value in the future but to get into written form the beginnings of each Mission Center and if possible the churches throughout the Conference.

This past year many contributions were secured and have been placed in the Historical trunk where all is carefully protected and safeguarded.

For this Conference year we are undertaking the following projects :

A History of our work at Mutambara, Mukombwe, and early days in Umtasa country. Also securing from the Mission Press a complete file of the Sunday School Lessons, the Umbowo, the Rhodesia Advance, School Books and Hymnals, and the South African Missionary Advocate. Any help or contribution that can be given by the members of Conference and the missionaries will make our work more thorough and complete.

Secretary, E. L. Sells.

Board of Home Missions and Church Extension

Reports of Missionary Societies at Old Umtali and Mutambara were given. The work is growing and many people are feeling their responsibility and the need of carrying the Gospel to heathen tribes. Offerings have been taken at both places. Old Umtali society reports £5 : 10 : 0 on hand, and Mutambara has £5 : 15 : 0 in the treasury. Mtoko reports £2 : 0 : 0 to assist lepers. Young people are offering their lives for definite Missionary service and the societies are growing.

We recommend that such Missionary Societies be organized at all centers and at outstation churches as soon as desired.

We recommend that a committee from Old Umtali and Mutambara Missionary Societies meet and decide upon a policy to follow, and choose a field to which they wish to send missionaries.

We highly commend the work done in many parts of our Conference by faithful Christians who give time and strength for no pay excepting the joy of service in the Kingdom.

We request that Lewis Tsododo be appointed by the Conference as a member of this committee.

In co-operation with the world-wide program of Methodism we recommend that the churches in our Conference observe the Woman's Day for Study and Prayer on November 9, 1937, and a Woman's International Prayer Service on February 8, 1938. In connection with the latter we recommend that the women be requested to contribute one penny each for the work of our Board of Home Missions.

Secretary, Lulu Tubbs

Committee on Interdenominational Relations

The Committee discussed questions concerning the Salisbury work and asks that certain matters be referred to the Bishop for his consideration.

Chairman, H. I. James

Report of the Medical Committee

It is recommended that the two weeks course which was offered last year to the women in the villages be resumed, the time to be agreed upon by the District Superintendent, Minister and nurse at the station.

Secretary, Alice Whitney

Report of the Board of Stewards.

The Board of Stewards recommends the following:-

1. That all native workers leaving the work be requested to withdraw their savings immediately and that interest on same stops from the date of leaving the work.

2. That increased emphasis be given in the raising of Conference claimants and Local Preachers Relief Funds, as an aid to this, we recommend that the first Sunday of the month preceeding the month in which the Annual Conference is held be called Conference Claimants and Local Preachers Relief Sunday, and that this matter be presented to all the congregations and special collections taken for these funds. We further recommend that the Conference Treasurer be requested to send reminders to all the ministers previous to the time set for taking these collections.

3. That the Conference Claimants and Local Preachers Relief apportionments be two and one half percent of the Pastors' salary.

Secretary, J. M. Chimbadzwa.

Report of Committee on Resolutions

We of the Rhodesia Annual Conference, wish to express our great gratitude and welcome to Bishop and Mrs. Springer that they have come to us again for their second Conference session. We all look forward to their joyous fellowship and

service to the whole conference. We thank God for the Bishop and his leadership. May God bless and preserve him for the work that is before him.

We extend a hearty welcome to Miss Whitney on her return from furlough and congratulate her on her splendid record at the School of Tropical Medicine. She finished a year's work in four months and came second in her class with honours.

Rev. Sells and family have returned to the St. Andrews Church and Umtali District. The Conference heartily welcomes them back among us and to the work.

Miss S. N. King had returned from furlough to the work at Nyadiri. She reports a grand furlough but is glad to be back to the familiar scenes at Nyadiri. The Conference is more than glad to welcome her.

Mr. and Mrs. Huie, Miss Loze, and Miss Jessop have been added to our staff during the year and we count ourselves most fortunate to have found four such competent workers and agreeable associates.

Miss Helen Everett who left the work in Rhodesia for that in the Congo was principal of the co-educational school at Mutambara for a full year. We will always remember her smiling countenance as well as the year of efficient service that she gave. Our great loss is the Congo Conference's great gain.

We were fortunate in securing Miss Ellener to fill the vacancy created by Miss Everett's leaving. She has taken hold of the work of the school in splendid fashion and is fitting in at Mutambara most satisfactorily.

Mrs. Sherrin who has so competently and graciously taken care of the medical work at Nyadiri for several months leaves to join her husband. We shall remember her stay among us with gratitude and pleasure. Miss Whitney has returned to take up this work which she left to go on furlough.

Mrs. Roberts' absence is felt by the entire conference and we hope and trust that long before we meet again she will have recovered completely.

Our sympathy also goes out to Benjamin Katsidzira, Mrs. Isaiah Munjoma, and Elsie Ngonyama who are laid aside by illness at this time. We trust that these are but temporary afflictions from which they will speedily recover.

We thank God for the recovery from sickness of Baba Greeley and Moses Muparutsa and rejoice that both are again in splendid health.

Verna and Harold Murphree left in August for America where they will both attend school at Asbury College. We are glad to hear of their safe arrival there after a pleasant

journey. Our best wishes for happy and successful years of school are theirs.

Reports of cultivation work being done in the home field by Frances O'Farrell and the Roberts twins are very gratifying and give rise to a feeling of family pride in the mission circle.

The formal expression of appreciation for the hospitality we have received from the Nyadiri workers seems inadequate considering the amount of work necessary for so few people entertaining so large a group. We have lacked nothing for our comfort and enjoyment. The common dining-room and lounge for the missionaries has afforded rich opportunity for Christian fellowship.

The long procession of neatly dressed boys and girls and men and women on Assembly Day, with their attractive banners bearing the names of their respective stations brought forcibly to our minds the strides which have been made in Christianizing the people of this section since the time Mr and Mrs Springer made their memorable trip through this section in 1905.

Chairman—W. Bourgaize
Secretary—Samuel Chieza

Committee on the State of the Church

While we cannot report that all is well, we do feel that there is cause for great rejoicing and encouragement as we see a steady growing church. The spiritual life of many of our Christians is growing richer and deeper, and there is a greater desire to help others both by personal work and home prayer meetings. Reports from all the Camp Meetings held this year tell of large numbers seeking salvation and of many victories won.

The women of the church are making a large contribution to the evangelization of this country, through the Rukwazano meetings and personal contacts with women.

In two Districts, Missionary Societies have been formed and there is need for such Societies to be organized throughout our Conference.

We deem it expedient for members going to Salisbury or other towns, from Reserves, for a period of over twelve months duration, that they be given transfers of membership that will be sent directly to the Minister in charge. This will make it possible for him to get into contact with them and be of help during the stay in town. Regarding those going for a shorter period, a letter naming them should be sent to the minister concerned.

Item two, page 65 in the Conference Journal of 1936 is as follows: "What steps should the church take to re-admit into the church a couple that has been granted divorce and afterwards each has re-married?" (This question was referred from the report of the Native Christian Convention.) In answering we direct attention to paragraph 164, section 3, 1936 Discipline. "A divorced person seeking admission into the membership in our church who manifests a proper spirit and satisfactorily answers the usual inquiries may be received." In this connection we would, however refer ministers and our people to section two of this paragraph, regarding the marrying of divorced persons.

A committee was named in 1936 to draw up a constitution for the Rukwadzano rwe wadzimayi. We ask that the committee be reconstituted with the following membership: M. J. Murphree, Miss F. Quinton, and Mesdames Chimonyo, Rugayo, Josiah Chimbada, P. Chieza, Roberts, Sells, Mataure, Nduna, Titus Marange, Thomas Marange, Mukombiwa, P. Machiri, Kasambira, Maramba, B. Katsidzira, Ngonyama and Kapenzi.

Board of Sunday Schools.

It is urged that the Sunday School papers be saved when the quarter is ended, and that they be distributed in hospitals, jails, mines, road camps and wherever there are people who can read but do not attend Sunday School.

That a Rally Day be held the third Sunday in August each year, and at that time an effort be made to raise 2d per member for the purpose of printing a junior-primary Sunday School paper, so long needed and so many times recommended.

Secretary—Enoch Munjoma.

(c) SPECIAL COMMITTEES

None.

(d) CONFERENCE STATISTICIAN

See report following the last page.

(e) CONFERENCE TREASURER

Report of Conference Treasurer

Received during the year

Native Helpers Savings	£89	8	3
General Conference Expenses		5	0
Conference Claimants (from churches)	0	12	10
	£90	6	1

Paid out during the year

Native helpers savings returned	43	5	3
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Assets

Invested in Loan Certificates	1203	0	6
Interest	107	11	9½
Funds uninvested — Bank balance	81	18	8
	£1392	10	11½

Liabilities

Local Preachers Relief Fund	78	6	4
Conference Claimants Fund	592	3	4
Home Missions Fund	10	14	5
Caffray Evangelistic Fund	3	11	6
General Conference Expenses	0	19	0
Native Helpers Savings Fund	706	16	4½
	£1392	10	11½

The Board of Pensions and Relief in the U. S. of America holds to the credit of our Conference a Reserve Fund, which on May 15, 1935, amounted to \$258.17, earning 3 ¾% interest.

Besides these cash transactions there are World Service Vouchers as follows :

Designated for work in Rhodesia	\$12.00
Undersigned	\$18.00
	\$30.00

Conference Treasurer, H. I. James

(f) OTHER TREASURERS

None.

(g) MISCELLANEOUS

The Ninth Native Christian Convention of the Methodist Episcopal Church which was held at Gandanzara, June 2nd. to June 4th. 1937.

Chairman—Rev. I. V. Munjoma,
Secretary—Rev. A. P. Kapenzi,
Missionary Advisory Members :
Rev. G. A. Roberts, Sister O. Parmenter.

The following are the resolutions to be sent to the Rhodesia Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

1. This body of Christian Natives deplore the fact that many children grow up uneducated in many areas of our church due to lack of money and neglect thereof on the part of the parents. We recommend that every Christian parent should put into practice the European system of investing money in the Post Office Savings for the purpose of educating children, after they have gone through the local kraal school.

2. In order to safeguard the spiritual welfare of our Christian married people; we recommend that our Native Ministers, Stewards, Local preachers, Class-leaders and Rukwadzano-rwe-wadzimayi take serious steps in teaching their people the good ways of behaving themselves as christians and advise them to avoid the evil appearance and not to familiarize themselves with anything which leads to temptation and shameful character.

3. In order to strengthen the knowledge of our leaders and to equip them with sound, clear doctrine and unwavering leadership in their church. We humbly request our Annual Conference to **translate into Chimanyika** the parts in the Discipline which deal with the duties of the class-leaders, stewards, local-preachers, and exhorters.

4. Seeing that the number of qualified and certificated teachers is increasing and wishing to further the educating of the adolescent children; we humbly ask our Annual Conference to request the Native Education Department to add Standard II where possible in the one teacher kraal schools.

5. This Conference of Christian Natives sees the urgent need for occasional vacation schools for our African Ministers. We humbly ask our Annual Conference to consider the above mentioned request for the improvement of their

local affairs, sense of responsibility and clearness of leadership in their work for the advancement of God's kingdom in this country.

6. This Conference of Christian Natives encourages all persons desiring to be members of our church to follow all the steps of our doctrine satisfactorily, fulfilling the requirements instituted by their Quarterly Conference, so as to symbolize their faith and will. We, therefore urge them to marry in accordance with Christian Rites.

7. Seeing the need of the Gospel at places like road camps, jails and hospitals, we earnestly ask our responsible men to study the places around them and come into close contact with them in their need of the Gospel. Furthermore, we beg that the Sunday School quarterlies and Umbowo be preserved and sent to the above mentioned places to be read.

8. This Conference of Christians sees the evil of debt and the common practice of owing more than a person earns or can pay in time. It lays emphasis on the teaching of the Bible. "Be faithful in little things". We therefore ask our members to be faithful and to avoid the evil habit of debts beyond what they can pay on time.

9. Since we see that many stations are being closed one after the other the advancement of the Gospel is marking time due to lack of funds to support the church. We as a Conference of Christians recommend the formation of Tithing Bands at all stations so as to provide additional funds to support the church.

10. We, the Native Christian Convention of the Methodist Episcopal Church wish to thank the Government and the Director of Medical work Dr. Martin, with joy and appreciation for the establishment of Tsonzo Dispensary and many others in this colony. That this body of believers may co-operate with the servants of the Government we urge our Native Communities to make use of these dispensaries when ill, with respect and obedience to the orders of the orderlies.

Part VII

MEMOIRS

Miss M. O. Benson.

"Our Father never makes a mistake." Just inside Miss Benson's window near her desk was a card bearing these beautiful words. A few weeks before her death someone quoted these words to her, "Yes", she said, "those words are very true and precious to me". She longed to be about her

Father's business, and yet, whether to be healed, to suffer, or to die mattered not to her so long as she was within His will.

Miss Benson was reared in a Christian home. In her early twenties she felt the call of God upon her to enter Christian service in foreign fields and because she loved her Lord she answered "Yes". After the necessary years of preparation she was accepted as a missionary by the Women's Foreign Missionary Society and appointed to Africa. In December 1926 she arrived in Southern Rhodesia where she so faithfully and joyfully served her Master bringing blessing to untold numbers until the time of her Home Going. And the end is not yet, for her blessed memory is with us and the Christ-like example she set before us shall continue to work in our midst even though she is no longer with us in the flesh.

It was Christmas morning that Miss Benson discovered the first definite symptom which made her fear she had developed cancer. Early in January she went with Miss Hanson to consult the doctor. We shall never forget the calmness with which she told of the result of that examination. There seemed little doubt that it was cancer and of a very malignant type. She could not hope to live more than seven or eight months, yet there was no weeping, no complaining, no questioning—simply trusting and leaning hard upon Him whom she loved so much. Her only sorrow was that the work which she must lay aside for a time, perhaps only for a time, perhaps forever, must be laid upon the shoulders of others and so increase the burdens of those who were already carrying heavy loads.

A week after the first visit to the doctor she was operated on, and found to have malignant cancer as had been feared. She recovered rapidly from the operation, however, was out of the hospital in a week and on February 16 began a series X-Ray treatments which it was hoped would prolong her life two or three years. At the end of five weeks she returned home looking and feeling well and having gained remarkably in strength. A week after her return she was at work, glad and thankful to be "in the harness" again. But by the middle of May she had begun to decline. She grew steadily worse. Early in June she again went to Salisbury for further treatment but returned a week later in a worse condition than when she left. She took to her bed almost immediately. Day by day she became weaker and the pain became more intense but there was never a word of complaint. Instead she was always so thankful for every little thing that was done for her and so full of praise to God for His continual and precious Presence. Shortly before her death her pastor came to see her and during his visit quoted the words of Wesley, "The best of all is, God with us." "Yes,"

she said, "I have found that to be very true. Just last night when the pain was very bad and I could not sleep, I was so conscious of the sweet presence of God."

Release from suffering came at four o'clock Monday morning, July 12. It was a quiet passing away here, but Over There, what a glorious entrance. In the stillness of that early morning we who have watched at her bedside were very conscious of the nearness of God, He Whom she loved so much and served so faithfully in life did not forsake her in the hour of death, but with her hand in His she entered the valley of the shadow without fear and without sorrow. And there on the Other Side was a multitude of the heavenly host to welcome her Home with songs of rejoicing, and best of all the voice of the dear Saviour, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord"

Jessie A. Pfaff

Charles Wesley Marange

Charles Wesley Marange, the son of Rev. and Mrs. Titus Marange, was born on the 21st of July, 1935. Many times he was seriously attacked by pneumonia. More than once his parents took him to the hospital in Umtali. They did all that was in their power for the health of the child but the grip of illness was so firm that on the 16th of June this year little Charles Wesley was called to his Heavenly Home, where we believe he will live with his dear Lord throughout all eternity. However for the sake of the earthly loss and sorrow we extend our deepest sympathy to the parents and relatives who mourn the death of their child.

R. M. Ngonyama

Part VIII.

ROLL OF THE DEAD

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

(a) Members of Conference

Place of Birth	Entered Conf.	Years of Missionary Service	Died	Age	Place of Burial
Buchwalter, Abraham L.	Fertility, Penn.	1899	Aug. 3, 1917	52	Monrovia, Cal.
Gurney, Samuel	Long Branch, N. J.	1887	Aug. 3, 1924	64	Salisbury, Rhodesia
Howard, Herbert N.	Harrisburg, Penn.	1907	Mar. 7, 1925	55	Canandaigua, N. Y.

(b) Widows of Deceased Members; None

Wives of Members:

Naomi Mpanutsa, Wife of Moses Mpanutsa, died February 12th, 1933.
 Emma Katsidzira, Wife of Murashwa Katsidzira, died May 3rd, 1933.
 Emily Faku, Wife of Clifford Faku, died March 1, 1934.

(c) Other Workers:

Miss Sadie Rexrode, W. F. M. S., aged 33, died January 22, 1921, after three years service in S. Rhodesia; buried at Old Umtali.
 Mr. Charles F. Taylor, aged 67, missionary to China, died in the Umtali Hospital, August 14, 1927, and was buried at Old Umtali.
 Miss E. E. Bjorklund, Age 63, Died November 19th, 1930. Her missionary service extended over a period of thirty-five years. She served in China and Japan from 1894 to 1900, in East Africa at Inhambane 1909 to 1915 and in Rhodesia at Old Umtali 1915 to 1929. Buried at Old Umtali.
 Miss Mildred O. Benson, age 42, died July 12th, 1937, a missionary of the W.F.M.S. She served in S. Rhodesia at Old Umtali, 1926-1937. Buried at Old Umtali.

Part IX

HISTORICAL

(a) Conference Sermons

<i>Year</i>	<i>Preached by</i>	<i>Where</i>
1916.....	H. I. James.....	Old Umtali Church
1919.....	H. N. Howard.....	St. Andrew's Church
1921.....	M. J. Murphree.....	Old Umtali Church
1922.....	Samuel Gurney.....	Old Umtali Church
1923.....	H. I. James.....	Old Umtali Church
1924.....	Wilfred Bourgaize.....	Old Umtali Church
1929.....	E. L. Sells.....	Old Umtali Church
1931.....	Wilfred Bourgaize.....	Howard Memorial Church
1932.....	J. Chimbadzwa.....	Old Umtali Church

(b) Former Members and Probationers

R. E. Beetham.....	1901-1905	Tizore Nevass.....	1907-1913
J. L. DeWitt.....	1901-1905	H. N. Howard.....	1909-1924
E. H. Richards.....	1901-1913	P. W. Keys.....	1909-1915
M. W. Ehnes.....	1901-1905	F. Conquer.....	1909-1912
J. M. Springer.....	1901-1910; 1921-1924	C. H. Runfeldt.....	1909-1910
R. Wodehouse.....	1901-1910	Muti Sikobele.....	1909-1913
F. D. Wolf.....	1901-1907	C. A. Kent.....	1913-1916
Samuel Gurney.....	1902-1905; 1909-1924	J. D. Pointer.....	1912-1915
J. A. Baldwin.....	1903-1905	J. G. Brass.....	1921-1923
J. H. Dimmit.....	1903-1905	L. E. Tull.....	1921-1928
D. A. Carson.....	1908-1903	F. G. Mauger.....	1923-1932
A. L. Buchwalter.....	1905-1917	R. F. Wagner.....	1925-1934
J. E. Ferris.....	1905-1911	J. R. Gates.....	1907-1936
S. D. Coffin.....	1905-1913	Murashwa Katsidzira.....	1930-1936
W. C. Terrill.....	1907-1911	Maxin Mutambanengwe.....	1932-1936
G. A. Stockdale.....	1907-1913		

(c) Conference Sessions

EAST CENTRAL AFRICA MISSION CONFERENCE

TIME	PLACE	BISHOP	SECRETARY
1901, Nov. 16 ...	{ Umtali and ... } Old Umtali	...Hartzell ...	...Springer
1903, Sept. 29 ...	Umtali ...	...Hartzell ...	...Beetham
1905, May 26 ...	Umtali ...	...Hartzell ...	...Ferris
1907, Mar. 13 ...	Umtali ...	...Hartzell, Burt...	...Ferris
1907, Nov. 22 ...	Umtali ...	...Hartzell ...	...Ferris
1909, July, 10 ...	Umtali ...	...Hartzell ...	...Greeley
1910, Aug. 17 ...	Umtali ...	...Hartzell ...	...Greeley
1911, June 7 ...	Umtali ...	...Hartzell, Wilson	...Gurney
1912, Feb. 17 ...	Old Umtali ...	..(Rev. J. R. Gates)	...O'Farrell
1913, Oct. 22 ...	Old Umtali ..	...Hartzell ...	...Greeley

RHODESIA MISSION CONFERENCE

1915, Jan. 20 ...	Old Umtali ...	...Hartzell ...	...Greeley
1916, Feb. 16 ...	Old Umtali ...	.. (Rev. J. R. Gates)	...Greeley

1917, May 3	...	Old Umtali	...	Johnson	...	Greeley
1917, Dec. 7	...	Old Umtali	...	Johnson	...	J. R. Gates
1919, Apr. 4	...	Umtali	...	Johnson	...	Gurney
1921, June 13	...	Old Umtali	...	Johnson	...	James
1922, June 14	...	Old Umtali	...	Johnson	...	James
1923, June 19	...	Old Umtali	...	Johnson	...	James
1924, Aug. 13	...	Old Umtali	...	Shepard	...	James
1925, June 23	...	Old Umtali	...	Johnson	...	James
1926, Nov. 4	...	Nyadiri	...	Johnson	...	Wagner
1927, June 14	...	Old Umtali	...	Johnson	...	R. C. Gates
1928, Sept. 10	...	Old Umtali	...	Johnson	...	Murphree
1929, July 3	...	Old Umtali	...	Johnson	...	Murphree
1930, July 9	...	Mutambara	...	Johnson	...	Murphree

RHODESIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

1931, July 8	...	Mrewa	...	Johnson	...	Murphree
1932, Sept. 28	...	Old Umtali	...	Johnson	...	Sells
1933, June 14	...	Old Umtali	...	Johnson	...	Sells
1934, June 13	...	Old Umtali	...	Johnson	...	Sells
1935, July 9	...	Old Umtali	...	Johnson	...	Sells
1936, Dec. 9	...	Old Umtali	...	Springer	...	Adkins
1937, Oct. 6	...	Nyadiri	...	Springer	...	Sells

(d) General

Delegates to the General Conference

1932

Ministerial

T. A. O'Farrell; Reserve— H. I. James

Lay

Miss Ruth E. Hanson; Reserve— Miss Oril Penney

1936

Ministerial

H. I. James; Reserve— E. L. Sells

Lay

Miss Sarah N. King; Reserve— Mrs. H. I. James

Missionaries 1898—1937

List of Missionaries sent to the Rhodesia Work by the Board at New York, beginning with the opening of the work in 1898, with dates of entering and leaving the work.

Rev. M. W. Ehnes	.....1898-1901	{ Mrs. H. F. Rasmussen	{ 1901—
Mrs. M. W. Ehnes	.....1898-1901	{ Mrs. J. M. Springer	{ 1905-1906
Rev. J. L. DeWitt	.....1899-1901		{ 1921-1924
Mrs. J. L. DeWitt	.....1899-1901	Miss H. E. Johnson	.. 1901-1904
Mrs. Anna Arndt	.....1899-1902	Rev. R. E. Beetham	.....1901-1904
Mr. Herman Heinkle	.....1899-1903	Mr. G. M. Odum	.....1901-1902
Dr. Hammett	.....1899-1899	Rev. Samuel Gurney	... { 1903-1905
Miss Culver	.....1899-1899		{ 1909-1924
Rev. E. H. Greeley	.....1900-	Mrs. S. Gurney	.....1902-1902
Rev. R. Wodehouse	.....1901-1910	Mr. D. A. Carson	.....1902-1903
Mrs. R. Wodehouse	.....1901-1910	Mrs. D. A. Carson	.....1902-1903
Rev. J. M. Springer	..... { 1901-1906	Rev. J. H. Dimmit	.....1903-1903
	{ 1921-1924	Rev. G. A. Baldwin	.....1903-1904

Rev. J. E. Ferris	1904-1909	Miss O. Parmenter	1920-
Mrs. J. E. Ferris	1904-1909	Rev. M. J. Murphree	1920-
Rev. S. D. Coffin	1905-1911	Mrs. M. J. Murphree	1920-
{ Miss Swormstedt	{ 1905-—	Miss M. Fuller	1921-1931
{ Mrs S. D. Coffin	{ 1907-1911	Rev. A. DeJacoby	1921-1921
Mr. E. L. Sechrist	1906-1909	Mrs. A. DeJacoby	1921-1921
Mrs. E. L. Sechrist	1906-1909	Rev. W. Bourgaize	1921-
Rev. J. R. Gates	{ 1906-1919	Rev. L. E. Tull	1921-1927
	{ 1916-1932	Mr. W. C. Gardner	1921-1925
{ Miss H. L. Lodge	{ 1907-—	Mrs. W. C. Gardner	1921-1924
{ Mrs J. R. Gates.....	{ 1908-1914	Miss G. Beven	1922-1927
	{ 1916-1932	Miss B. Reitz	1922-
Miss E. M. Bell.....	1907-1911	Rev. R. C. Gates	1922-
Miss S. Coffin	1907-1912	Mrs. R. C. Gates	1922-
Rev. G. A. Roberts	1907-	Miss A. Moore.....	1922-1927
Rev. A. L. Buchwalter.....	1909-1915	Rev. J. G. Brass	1922-1923
Mrs. A. L. Buchwalter	1909-1915	Mrs. J. G. Brass.....	1922-1923
Rev. H. N. Howard	1909-1920	Rev. F. G. Mauger	1923-1930
Mrs. H. N. Howard.....	1909-1920	Mrs. F. G. Mauger	1923-1930
Miss E. D. Hourse	1909-1921	Miss Ethel McMann	1923-1931
Miss P. Mullikin	1909-	Miss Sarah King	1923-
Rev. T. A. O'Farrell.....	1910-	Miss B. Ramsey	1924-1937
Mrs. T. A. O'Farrell	1910-	Rev. R. F. Wagner	{ 1924-1927
{ Miss B. Fowles	{ 1910-—		{ 1929-1934
{ Mrs. G. A. Roberts	{ 1912-	Miss J. G. Woodruff	1925-1930
{ Miss R. N. Goddard	{ 1912-—	Miss Ila Scovill.....	1925-
{ Mrs. J. G. Paisley	{ 1915-1921	Dr. S. R. P. Montgomery	1925-1927
Miss G. Clark.....	1912-	Mrs. S. R. P. Montgomery	1925-1927
Rev. C. A. Kent	1912-1915	Miss Oril Penney	1926-
Mrs. C. A. Kent	1912-1915	Miss Ruth E. Hansson ..	1926-
Rev. H. I. James	1913-	Miss Mildred O. Benson ..	1926-1937
Mrs. H. I. James	1913-	Rev. E. L. Sells	1929-
Miss E. E. Bjorklund	1915-1930	Mrs. E. L. Sells	1929-
Miss E. A. Hess.....	1915-1932	Mrs. R. F. Wagner	1929-1934
Miss F. Quinton	1917-	Miss Jessie Pfaff	1929-
Miss S. Rexrode	1918-1921	Miss Wilhelmina Shields	1930-1937
Miss L. Tubbs	{ 1918-1923	Miss Alice Whitney	1931-
	{ 1926-	Miss Irene Gugin	1932-
Rev. H. E. Taylor.....	1919-	Rev. L. E. Adkins.....	1933-
Mrs. H. E. Taylor.....	1919-	Mrs. L. E. Adkins	1933-

The following additional workers were hired on the field:

Rev. M. H. Reid, 1898; Mrs. R. St. Tulloch, 1902; Mr. M. B. Spears 1905; Mrs. H. Brown, 1903; Miss M. Brown, 1903; Miss Cuff, 1903; Mrs. T. Stratton, 1905; Miss E. Bennett, 1905; Rev. C. H. Beagley, 1906; Mr. W. H. Robson, 1906; Miss A. F. Gray, 1906; Rev. G. A. Stockdale, 1907; Mr. W. Garner, 1907; Mrs. W. Garner, 1907; Miss Blezzard, 1907; Mr. C. S. Till, 1910; Mrs. C. S. Till 1910; Mrs. L. Carson, 1911; Mr. R. Mackenzie, 1912; Rev. R. B. Wallace, 1913; Mrs. R. B. Wallace, 1913; Mr. J. G. Paisley, 1912; Rev. William Garner, 1912; Mr. William Hodgson, 1917; Mrs. William Hodgson 1917 Mr. S. C. Searle, 1918-1921 Mrs. S. C. Searle, 1918-1921 Mr. C. S. Till, 1920; B. J. E. Pretorius 1924; Mr. G. Pretorius 1925-1930; Miss J. McMorran 1928-1930; Mrs. Uys. 1930-1933; Miss Louise Forrest 1935-1936; Miss Jean Loze, 1936-1937; Miss Lois Pfaff 1936-1937; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Huie, 1936-1937; Miss Lois Jessop 1937; Miss Fannie Ellener 1937;

Part X

(a) MISCELLANEOUS

Plan of Conference Examinations

For Europeans as per 1936 Discipline Paragraph. 545

Undergraduates may sit for examinations at the seat of the Finance Committee meetings as well as at the seat of the Conference.

Year	Study No.	Examiner
Admission on Trial	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6,	M. J. Murphree E. L. Sells R. C. Gates W. Bourgaize H. I. James M. J. Murphree
First Year	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Reading 1, 4, } 2, 5, } 3, 6, }	E. L. Sells W. Bourgaize H. I. James M. J. Murphree R. C. Gates R. C. Gates
Second Year	1, 2, 3, 4, Reading 1, 5, } 2, 6, } 3, 7, } 4,	W. Bourgaize H. I. James M. J. Murphree R. C. Gates R. C. Gates
Third Year	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Reading 1, 4, } 2, 5, } 3, 6, }	H. I. James W. Bourgaize E. L. Sells R. C. Gates T. A. O'Farrell R. C. Gates
Fourth Year	1, 2, 3, 4, Reading 1, 4, } 2, 5, } 3, 6, 7, }	W. Bourgaize E. L. Sells R. C. Gates H. I. James R. C. Gates

Courses of Study for the Rhodesia Annual Conference

TRAVELLING MINISTRY

FOR ADMISSION ON TRIAL

EXAMINATION.

Examiner

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|---|-------------------|
| 1. Discipline : Articles of Religion. | E. L. Sells |
| 2. South African History. | J. Chimbadzwa |
| 3. Life of Wesley - <i>Telford or Winchester.</i> | M. J. Murphree |
| 4. The Moffats - <i>Hubbard.</i> | C. Faku |
| 5. Bible Biographies : | |
| a. Life of Christ - St. Mark. | } T. A. O'Farrell |
| b. Life of Paul - Acts | |
| c. Life of Moses - Exodus. | |
| 6. Written Sermon. | R. C. Gates |

FIRST YEAR.

EXAMINATION.

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|---|---------------|
| 1. Discipline. Parts I to VI. | E. L. Sells |
| 2. History of Methodism - <i>Faulkner.</i> | W. Bourgaize |
| 3. Plain Account of Christian Perfection - <i>Wesley.</i> | C. Faku |
| 4. Translation to Vernacular, Articles of Religion. | J. Chimbadzwa |

COLLATERAL READING :

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| 1. Pilgrim's Progress - <i>Bunyan.</i> | } R. C. Gates |
| 2. David Livingstone - <i>J. J. Ellis</i> | |
| 3. The Making of the Bible - <i>Vernon.</i> | |

SECOND YEAR.

EXAMINATION

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|---|-----------------|
| 1. Primer of Homiletics - <i>Edwards.</i> | E. L. Sells |
| 2. A People's Life of Christ - <i>Smyth.</i> | W. Bourgaize |
| 3. Primer of Christian Doctrine - <i>Terry.</i> | C. Faku |
| 4. Outline : Genesis, Exodus, Acts, and Romans. | T. A. O'Farrell |

COLLATERAL READING :

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| 1. The Tongue of Fire - <i>Arthur</i> | } R. C. Gates |
| 2. Life of Khama. | |
| 3. Selections from the Writings of John Wesley - <i>Welch.</i> | |

THIRD YEAR

EXAMINATION.

Examiner

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| 1. History of the Christian Church - <i>Grant.</i> | J. Chimbadzwa |
| 2. Shorter Manual of Theology - <i>Beet.</i> | W. Bourgaize |
| 3. The Moselm World - <i>Zwemer.</i> | C. Faku |
| 4. Life and Times of Jesus - <i>Grant.</i> | T. A. O'Farrell |

COLLATERAL READING :

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| 1. The Soul-Winner's Secret - <i>Brengle</i> . | } | R. C. Gates |
| 2. Christian Baptism - <i>Merrill</i> . | | |
| 3. Heart of Asbury's Journal - <i>Tipple</i> . | | |

FOURTH YEAR

EXAMINATION.

EXAMINER.

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|--|-----------------|
| 1. New Testament History - <i>Maclean</i> . | E. L. Sells |
| 2. Lives of Eminent Africans - <i>Gollock</i> . | W. Bourgaize |
| 3. Faith of a Christian - <i>Sketchley</i> . | M. J. Murphree |
| 4. The Worker and His Bible - <i>Eiselen and Barclay</i> . | T. A. O'Farrell |

COLLATERAL READING

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|--|---|-------------|
| 1. a. Preacher and Prayer - <i>Bounds</i> . | } | R. C. Gates |
| b. Purity of Heart - <i>General Booth</i> . | | |
| 2. The Indwelling Spirit - <i>Davidson</i> . | | |
| 3. a. Roman Catholic Doctrine Examined.— <i>Brooks</i> | | |
| b. "Should Christians Keep the Sabbath," <i>Torrey</i> . | | |

Substitutes

1. The Bible - *Dods* 2. Digest of Methodist Law - *Merrill*; 3. Life of Paul - *Stalker*; 4. Bible History - *Blaikei*; 5. The Peacher, His Life and Work - *Jowett*; 6. Manual of Christian Doctrine - *Banks* 7. The Land of Israel - *Stewart*; 8. 100. Questions on Methodism *Wheeler* 9. How to Study the Bible - *Clifford Moule*; 10. The Christian Faith - *Curtis*; 11. Short History of the Christian Church - *Hurst*; 12. Twenty-five Articles - *Wheeler* 13. Public Worship - *Hoyt*; 14. Life of Luther - *McGiffert*; 15. Christianity in Doctrine and Experience - *Buck*; 16. Religious Education in the Home - *Folson*; 17. Short Chapters of African History - *Wheatherhead* 18. Islam and Africa - *Dale*.
(50 Books in all)

(b) CONFERENCE RULES OF ORDER

None

(c) Accepted Supply Pastors and Local Preachers

Note.—Elders in *Italics*, Deacons in small capitals and the Licentiates in Roman.

Mrewa District

William Chieza	Joseph Makuto
Moses Chisamba	Lazarus Mahowa
Silas Chitiyo	Dixon Matlyukira
Kenneth Choto	James Mujeni
James Kaitano	Willie Mudede
Isaac Kambarami	Alex Murahwa
Roderick Kunyarimwe	Obadiah Musingwini
Daniel Makuto	Jefferson Siwamwaya

Mtoko District

Sidney Chidzwondo	Peter Mufunde
Zachariah Chigama	Amos Mupswairo
Enoch Chingwena	Timothy Mahachi
Isaiah Chingwena	Silas Musakwa
Don Gumbeze	Paul Muranda
Samuel Kapito	Isaac Musiyiwa
Enoch Kapswara	Elisha Mvududu
Shadrach Karimanzira	Jacob Nyamuda
Michael Karonga	Shadrach Nyemba
	Elijah Tsiga

Mutambara District*Miss Lulu Tubbs*

Thomas Kamusono	Isaac Nemutenzi
Hezekiah Kaserera	John Nemutenzi
Albert Mhlanga	Eddy Sunderai
Denford Mukundidzo	Edson Umtasa

Nyadiri District

Nason Chigubu	James Maswi
Joseph Chipuriro	Wilson Mmanga
Timothy Chirimumimba	Josiah Mrewa
Gideon Darikwa	Samuel Munjoma
James Dzapasi	Noah Muswe
Philemon Gosha	Paul Mutizi
Amon Kajese	Lazarus Samukange
Titus Katiyo	Job Tsiga
Enoch Makuto	Stephen Zambuko
Eddy Makombore	Ebson Zimonde
Edward Makoni	Ferris Zisengwe

Old Umtali District*Murashwa Katsidzira*

Henry Chitiyo	Thomas Matara
Elias Jangano	Josiah Mutambanengwe
Amos Karumbidza	Samuel Matongo
Leonard Kasambira	Isaiah Musamba
Paul Malianga	Abisha Ndidzano
Samuel Manjoro	Philip Sitole
	Samson Sora

Umtali District

MAXIN MUTAMBANENGWE

JOSEPH NYAMUROWA

Daniel Chitenderu	Mark Matanga
Aaron Chavokora	Paul Maviza
Samuel Chikwaiti	Martin Nyagura
Job Gondora	Morrison Parwehosi
Samuel Gwarade	Johnson Sachiti
Gibson Makaure	Thompson Tsiga
Benson Kapfumvuti	

(d) The Rhodesia Lay Conference

The Annual Meeting of the Lay Conference was held at 4.0 p.m. October 6th, 1937 at Nyadiri Mission. Miss Ona Parmenter called the meeting to order and conducted the election of Officers. Lewis Tsododo was elected President and Aaron Machiri was elected as Secretary.

The roll was called and the following delegates were present :

Solomon Machingura...	Salisbury
Escrovaw Angilazi.....	Old Umtali
Lewis Tsododo.....	Mutambara
Miss O. Parmenter.....	Umtali, St. Andrew's Church
Mrs. H. I. James.....	Mrewa, Howard Memorial Church
Miss Ila Scovill.....	Nyadiri
Aaron Machiri.....	Umtasa Circuit
Amon Kajese.....	Uzumba Circuit
Joseph Makuto.....	Mrewa Circuit
Gibson Ndowe.....	Manyika Circuit
Shadrach Chitereka....	Zimunya Circuit
Isaiah Chingwena.....	Mtoko North Circuit
Shadrech Nyemba.....	Mtoko South Circuit
Silas Chitiyo.....	Mangwende Circuit
Amos Makuto.....	Headlands Circuit
Ferris Kangara.....	Nyadiri Circuit

The following questions were presented, discussed and conclusions referred to the United Session of the Conference :

1. The churches of Nyadiri District are anxious to send their own boys into training for the Ministry so that there will be leaders from their country.

2. We humbly ask the Annual Conference to permit the organization of the Missionary Society in all the churches.

3. We humbly request our Conference to encourage our native ministers when visiting the churches of their circuits to encourage the weak members to give their offerings.

4. A request from the members of the Salisbury Church regarding permission to erect their own building was referred to the United Session.

After this the Lay Conference adjourned to the United Session of the Rhodesia Conference.

Secretary, Aaron Machiri

(e) CONFERENCE AND MISSIONARY ROLL

Rhodesia Conference Roll

(Add to each address, S. Rhodesia, Africa)

Year of
Reception
On Trial.

1907	E. H. Greeley *	Old Umtali
	H. I. James *	Mrewa
1910	T. A. O'Farrell *	P.B. 136 E. Salisbury
1917	M. J. Murphree *	Old Umtali
1921	G. A. Roberts *	Mutambara
	W. Bourgaize *	Mtoko
	H. E. Taylor *	Old Umtali
	E. L. Sells *	Umtali
	David Mandisodza	Mrewa
1923	R. C. Gates *	(On furlough)
	Thomas Marange	Box 55. Umtali
	Isaiah Munjoma	Mrewa
1924	Isaiah Darikwa	Box 333, Salisbury
	C. E. Faku	Old Umtali
	Benjamin Katsidzara	Odzi
	Titus Marange	Box 55, Umtali
1925	L. E. Adkins *	(On furlough)
	Reginald Ngonyama	Old Umtali
1926	Josiah Chimbadzwa	Old Umtali
	Zechariah Mukombiwa	Inyazura
1927	Philip Chieza	Odzi
	Samuel Chieza	Mtoko
1928	Amos Kapenzi	Old Umtali
	Moses Mparutsa	P. B. 136 E Salisbury
	John Nduna	Old Umtali

1930	Hosea Katsidzira	Headlands
	Patrick Machiri	Old Umtali
	Johnson Maramba	Penhalonga
	Enoch Munjoma	Mtoko
	Jackson Rugayo	Mutambara
1933	Jonah Chitombo	P. B. 136 E Salisbury
	Jonah Machiri	Old Umtali
1934	Luke Chieza	Mrewa

On Trial

M. E. Persons	Umtali
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Note—Asterisk after names of missionaries

Missionaries

(Add to each address, S. Rhodesia, Africa.)

Miss Pearl Mullikin	Old Umtali
Mrs. T. A. O'Farrell	P. B. 139 E. Salisbury
Mrs. G. A. Roberts	Mutambara
Mrs. H. I. James	Mrewa
Mrs. H. E. Taylor	Old Umtali
Mrs. M. J. Murphree	Old Umtali
Mrs. R. C. Gates	(On furlough)
Miss Ruth E. Hansson	Old Umtali
Mrs. E. L. Sells	Box 55, Umtali
Mrs. L. E. Adkins	(On furlough)

Women's Foreign Missionary Society

Miss Grace Clark	(On furlough)
Miss Frances Quinton	Old Umtali
Miss Lulu Tubbs	Mutambara
Miss Ona Parmenter	Native Girls' Hostel, Umtali
Miss Beulah Reitz	(On furlough)
Miss Sarah King	P. B. 136 E, Salisbury
Miss Ila Scovill	P. B. 136 E, Salisbury
Miss Oril Penney	Mutambara
Miss Jessie Pfaff	Old Umtali
Miss Alice Whitney	P. B. 136 E, Salisbury
Miss Irene P. Gugin	(On furlough)

Other Workers

Miss Jean Loze	Old Umtali
Miss Lois Pfaff	Old Umtali
Mr. Carl Huie	Old Umtali
Mrs. Carl Huie	Old Umtali
Miss Fannie Ellener	Mutambara
Miss Lois Jessop	Old Umtali

Part XI

PASTORAL RECORD

This record includes only the appointments during membership in the Conferences, and not those as "supply."

In the case of missionaries, appointments before Conference membership on the field are included.

The figures () are the years of service spent in the Ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Conference.

The addresses are given in the Conference Roll and Directory.

1. FULL MEMBERS

Adkins, Lilburn E:—On trial Minnesota Conference 1925. Deacon 1925; Elder 1927; West Concord 1925-27; 1928-29 In School; Transferred to Southeast Africa Mission Conference 1930; 1930-33 Kamtini Central Training School; Transferred to Rhodesia Conference 1933; 1933-36 Marange, Odzi-Old Umtali and Mtasa Circuits. 1934-36 Gandanzara Circuit. 1937 On furlough. Minn. (5) So. E. A. (3) (5)

Bourgaize, Wilfred:—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1921 (Deacon and Elder); 1921 Umtasa, Gandanzara and Headlands Circuits; 1922-25. Mtoko and Uzumba Circuits, 1925-26 Mtoko Circuit; 1927-28 Superintendent Mtoko District; 1929 On furlough; 1930-37 Superintendent, Mtoko District. (17)

Chieza, Luke:—On trial Rhodesia Conference 1934; Deacon 1936; Evangelist Mrewa District 1936-37. (4)

Chieza, Philip:—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1927; Deacon 1932; Elder 1936 1927-29 Muziti; 1930-31 Chiduku Circuit; 1932 Odzi Circuit 1933-35 Odzi-Old Umtali Circuit. 1936-37 Odzi Circuit. (11)

Chieza, Samuel:—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1927; Deacon 1930; Elder 1933; 1927-31 Mrewa; 1931-37 Mtoko. (11)

Chimbadzwa, Josiah:—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1926; Deacon 1929; Elder 1930; 1926-30 Assistant, Theological School, Old Umtali; 1931-33 Assistant Pastor Old Umtali and teacher in Hartzell Training School; 1934-35 Assistant Pastor, Old Umtali. 1936-37 Pastor, Old Umtali. (12)

Chimonyo, Obadiah:—On trial Rhodesia Conference 1932; Deacon 1935; Elder 1936; 1932-34 in school; 1935-1937 Old Umtali Circuit. (6)

Chitombo, Jonah:—On Trial Rhodesia Conference 1933; Deacon 1935; 1933-35 In School; 1935-37 Nyadiri Circuit. (6)

Darikwa, Isaiah:—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1924; Deacon 1926; Elder 1930; 1924 Rupinda; 1925-32 Mtasa Circuit; 1932-36 Mrewa Circuit; 1937 Salisbury. (14)

Faku, Clifford:—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1924; Deacon 1926; Elder 1929; 1925 Old Umtali Circuit; 1925 Penhalonga; 1926-23 Assistant, Literary Department Old Umtali; 1929-31 Mtoko; 1931-39 Mrewa; 1934-37 Assistant, Literary Dept. Hartzell Training School. (14)

Gates, Robert C.:—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1923; Deacon 1923; Elder 1927; 1923-27 Literary and Normal Department, Hartzell Training School; 1923 Old Umtali Circuit; 1924 Old Umtali Church; 1925 Old Umtali Church and Circuit; 1926 Mission Correspondent; 1927 Superintendent, Old Umtali District; 1928 On furlough; 1929-31 Superintendent, Old Umtali District and Principal Hartzell Training School; 1932 Superintendent Nyadiri District; 1933-35 Superintendent, Mrewa District; 1936 Superintendent, Umtali-Rusapi District, St. Andrews; 1937 On furlough. (15)

Greeley, Eddy H.:—On trial, East Central Africa Mission Conference 1907; Deacon 1909, Elder 1910; 1888 Cape Palmas Seminary, Liberia, West Africa; 1890 On furlough; 1894-95 White Plains Seminary, Liberia, West Africa; 1896 St. Paul's River Industrial School; 1897 On furlough; 1900-05 Old Umtali; 1906-10 Makomwe; 1911 On furlough; 1912-14 Old Umtali; 1915-16 Mrewa; 1917 Mtoko; 1918-20 Mission Press, Old Umtali; 1921-22 On furlough; 1923 Chiduku Circuit; 1924 Director of Language and Translations; 1925-26 Manager Rhodesia Mission Press and Editor Native Literature; 1927-37 Retired. (21)

James, Henry I.:—On trial West Wisconsin Conference 1907; Deacon 1910; Elder 1913; 1907 Birchwood; Transferred Wisconsin Conference 1908; 1908-09 Algoma; 1910-12 Oconto; Transferred, East Central Africa Mission Conference 1913; 1913-14 St. Paul's, Penhalonga; 1915 Principal Hartzell Training School; 1916-1919 Mission Treasurer; 1916 Bible Department and Mission Press; 1917-18 Principal Central Training School, Old Umtali Circuit; 1919 On furlough; 1920-22 Superintendent, Umtali District and St. Andrew's Church; 1920-24 Mission Treasurer and Correspondent; 1923-24 Superintendent Mrewa District; 1925-26 On furlough; 1927-28 Superintendent Mrewa District; 1929-31 Superintendent Umtali District and St. Andrew's Church; 1932-34 Superintendent Old Umtali District, Principal Theological School, Pastor Old Umtali and Mission Press. 1930-1934 Mission Treasurer and Correspondent; 1935 On furlough; 1936-37 Superintendent, Mrewa District. W. Wis. (1) Wis. (5) (26)

Kapenzi, Amos:—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1928; Deacon 1930, Elder 1932; 1928-37 Assistant, Hartzell Training School (Literary Department.) (10)

Kasambira, Silas:—On trial Rhodesia Conference, 1932; Deacon 1934; Elder 1936; 1932-33 In school; 1934 Penhalonga; 1935-37 Gandanzara Circuit. (6)

Katsidzira, Benjamin:—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1924; Deacon 1926; Elder 1930; 1924-25 Nyamukwarara; 1926 Gandanzara; 1927-31 Gandanzara Circuit; 1932-34 Mtasa Circuit; 1935-37 Marange Circuit. (14)

Katsidzira, Hosea:—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1930; Deacon 1932; Elder 1934; 1930-31 in school; 1932-35 Mangwendi Circuit; 1935-36 Mangwendi and Headlands Circuits; 1937 Headlands Circuit. (8)

Machiri, Jonah:—On trial Rhodesia Conference 1933; Deacon 1935; 1933-1935 In school; 1935-37 Evangelist, Old Umtali District. (5)

Machiri, Patrick:—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1930; Deacon 1932; Elder 1934; 1930-31 in school; 1932-33 Chiduku Circuit; 1934 Marange Circuit; 1935-37 Mtasa Circuit. (8)

Mandisodza, David:—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1921; Deacon 1921; Elder 1929; 1921 Salisbury; 1922-29 Headlands Circuit. 1930-33 Umtali; 1934 Leave of absence; 1935 Supernumerary. 1936 Located; 1937 Mangweni Circuit. (15)

Maramba, Johnson:—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1930; Deacon 1932; Elder 1936; 1930 Assistant, Hartzell Training School; 1931-33 Mukahanana Circuit; 1934 In school; 1935-36 Penhalonga; 1936-37 Penhalonga Circuit. (8)

Marange, Thomas:—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1923; Deacon 1926; Elder 1928; 1923 Umtali 1924-25 Mutambara Circuit; 1926-37 Zimunya Circuit. (15)

Marange, Titus:—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1924; Deacon 1926, Elder 1930; 1924-28 Salisbury; 1929-31 in school; 1932-33 Gandanzara Circuit; 1934-37 Umtali. (14)

Mparutsa, Moses:—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1928; Deacon 1930; Elder 1933; 1928-29 Umtali 1930-37 Nyadiri. (10)

Mukombiwa, Zachariah:—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1926; Deacon 1929; Elder 1932; 1926 Assistant Agriculture Dept. Old Umtali; 1927-28 Penhalonga; 1929-33 Headlands Circuit; 1934-37 Chiduku Circuit. (12)

Munjoma, Enoch:—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1930; Deacon 1932; Elder 1934; 1930-31 in school; 1932-37 Mtoko. (8)

Munjoma, Isaiah:—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1923; Deacon 1930; 1923 Mtasa Circuit; 1924 Nyakatsapa; 1925 Umtali Native Church; 1926-28 Old Umtali Circuit; 1929-36 Salisbury; 1937 Mrewa. (15)

Murphree, Marshall J.:—On trial Nebraska Conference 1917; Deacon 1919, Elder 1920; Transferred Rhodesia Mission Conference 1921; 1921-23 Principal Hartzell Training School, Superintendent Old Umtali District; 1924 Superintendent Mutambara District; 1925 on furlough; 1926-31 Theological Department, Old Umtali; 1926 Gandanzara Circuit; 1927 Superintendent Rusapi District; 1928 Superintendent Old Umtali-Rusapi Districts, Rhodesia Mission Press; 1929 Rhodesia Mission Press; 1930-31 Superintendent Rusapi District, Mission Press; 1932 Superintendent Umtali-Rusapi District, St. Andrew's Church; 1933-34 On furlough; 1935-37 Superintendent, Old Umtali District. Principal Hartzell Training School, Mission Press. Neb. (4) (17)

Nduna, John:—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1928; Deacon 1930, Elder 1932; Assistant, Hartzell Training School (Literary Department,) Old Umtali Circuit 1928-31; 1932-37 Teacher in Hartzell Training School Old Umtali. (10)

Ngonyama, Reginald:—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1925; Deacon 1927, Elder 1929; 1925-26 Assistant, Mutambara Mission; 1927-28; Mutambara Circuit and Mutambara Mission; 1929-33 Marange Circuit 1934-37 Assistant, Hartzell Training School. (13)

O'Farrell, Thomas A.:—On trial East Central Africa Mission Conference 1910; Deacon and Elder 1919; 1910 to June, 1915 Mutambara Mission and Circuit; 1915-18 On furlough; Jan. to April, 1919 Principal Central Training School, Old Umtali; 1919-20 Mrewa Mission and Circuit; 1921-23, Superintendent, Mrewa District; 1924 On furlough; 1925-26 Superintendent, Mrewa District; 1927-31 Superintendent, Nyadiri District; 1932 On furlough; 1933-37 Superintendent, Nyadiri District. (28)

Roberts, George A.:—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1921; Deacon and Elder 1921; 1907-1908 Old Umtali, Assistant Agriculture Department; 1909-10 Old Umtali Industries. 1911 Old Umtali Agriculture and Sunday School Missionary; 1912-13 Old Umtali Agriculture Department; 1914 On furlough; 1915-18 Old Umtali Agriculture and Animal Husbandry; 1919-20 Mutambara Circuit; 1921 On furlough; 1922-23 Old Umtali Department of Agriculture and Gandanzara Circuit; 1924 Principal Hartzell Training School and Gandanzara Circuit; 1925-28 Principal Hartzell Training School and Department of Agriculture; 1929-30 On furlough; 1931-37 Superintendent, Mutambara District. (17)

Rugayo, Jackson:—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1930; Deacon 1932; Elder 1934; 1930-31 in school; 1932-37 Mutambara Circuit. (8)

Sells, Ernest L.:—On trial Kentucky Conference 1921; Deacon 1925, Elder 1927; 1921-22 in school; Transferred to Kansas Conference 1923; 1923-24 Winchester; 1925-27 in school; 1927-28 Elgin; Transferred to Rhodesia Mission Conference 1929; 1929-32 Superintendent Mrewa District; 1933-35 Superintendent Umtali - Rusapi District, Pastor St. Andrews Church. 1936 On furlough; 1937 Superintendent, Umtali District, Pastor, St. Andrew's Church. Ky. (2) Kan. (6) (9)

Taylor, H. Erne:—On trial Rhodesia Mission Conference 1921; Deacon and Elder 1921; 1921 Old Umtali Church and Department of Agriculture; 1922-23 Mutambara, Department of Agriculture and Boys School; 1924 On furlough; 1925-28 Mutambara Mission; 1929-30 Old Umtali, Agriculture and Industrial Departments; 1931-32 On furlough; 1933-34 Principal, Hartzell Training School; 1935-37 Old Umtali, Department of Agriculture; 1937 Mission Treasurer and Correspondent. (17)

2. PROBATIONERS

Persons, Maurice E.—On trial Rhodesia Conference 1937; 1937 Area Office.

Forty years have passed since Bishop Hartzell first entered the land of Rhodesia and conducted the first service of our church. We take the story from his notes.

“A few moments after my election to the Bishopric of Africa in May, 1896, a clear and positive conviction came to me that somewhere amid the advancing waves of Anglo-Saxon civilization northward towards the heart of Africa and under the British flag the Methodist Episcopal Church must have one or more great missionary centers ”

He describes his arrival in Umtali as follows : “The rainy season was on and the new and incomplete railroad from Beira to Umtali was impassable nine or ten miles east of Macequece which is twenty-five miles from Umtali. On hand cars and on foot amid rain and mud we made our way over those ten miles. The Portuguese Governor kindly loaned me a horse and through the rain, mire and swollen rivers I made my way to Umtali ”

“December 10th, 1897, I rode into Umtali a stranger, weary and hungry, soaked with rain and bespattered with mud; but if ever a Methodist Preacher was led of God, I was, in coming to Umtali.”

“On Sunday Evening, December 12th, I preached in one of the rooms of Messrs. Wm. Phillipi and Co. Although it rained, the room was filled, one lady and perhaps thirty-five men being present.”

“Consultation with Captain Turner and subsequent correspondence with His Honour Earl Gray, at that time Administrator of Rhodesia, the Right Honourable Cecil J. Rhodes, and others, together with personal interviews in London with those gentlemen named, resulted in a letter from Earl Gray under date of March 21st, 1898, proposing concessions of lands and buildings in both New and Old Umtali for church and Missionary work.”

Forty years have so quickly passed since the far visioned leader of the church arrived in Umtali and conducted the first service. These years represent a large investment of Missionary life and large sums of money. The rapid growth and development are portrayed in the reports and statistics as given in this Conference Journal.

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CONFERENCE YEAR DECEMBER 1936 - OCTOBER 1937

STATISTICS of the Rhodesia Annual Conference 1937	Missionaries,			Native Workers			Christian Community							Baptisms		Sunday Schools		Boarding Schools		Educational Elementary Schools			Property							Contributions of Church on Foreign Field															
	Men	Women	Board Missionaries W. F. M. S.	Other Foreign Workers	Con. Mem.	Unordained							Church Members	Preparatory Members	Total Preparatory and Full Members	Baptized Children not in Cols. 14, 15.	Total Christian Commu- nity (Cols. 16, 17.)	Preparatory Members Rec'd during year	Non-Resident Members	Marriages	Deaths During year	Adults Baptized	Children Baptized	No. Sunday Schools	No. Scholars	No. Boarding Schools	No. Teachers	Students	No. Elementary Schools	No. Teachers	Students	Total Under Instruction	No. Churches	Estimated Value of Churches	No. Parsonages	Estimated Value of Parsonages	Estimated Value. Schools Hospitals, Printing Press, Lands, etc.	Estimated Value. all W.F.M.S. Property	Indeb- tedness		Contributions, Support Local Church, Ch. Collec- tions, Tithe, etc.	For Building Repairs, Equipment, etc.	For Other local purposes Govt. Grant, Farm Produce etc.	Total Contributions on Field	
						On Trial	Local Preachers	Conf. Memb. On Trial	Local Preachers	Exhorters	Other Native Workers	Native Workers of W. F. M. S.																																	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	
MREWA MISSION CHURCH	1	1							6	3	3		75	34	109	45	154	4		3	1	2	45	2	250	1	4	75	1	4	105	180	1	£815.0.0	2	£ 950.0.0	£700.0.0				£ 12. 5.0	£ 5. 0.0	£ 97.15.0	£115. 0.0	
Mrewa Circuit																																													
Chaanetsa									1				21	10	31	16	47						1	42							1	10.0.0	1	5.0.0						10.0			10.0		
Chingono									1				5	7	12	1	13						1	20							1	10.0.0													
Chamosweswe													17	3	20	11	31						1	50				1	1	63	63	1	10.0.0	1	5.0.0				7. 5.0		7.15.0	15. 0.0			
Choruwa									1				29	15	42	20	62	3		1		5	5	1	87			1	1	80	80	1	10.0.0	1	10.0.0				9.18.0		15. 0.0	24.18.0			
Dandara									3				12	2	14	10	24						1	30				1	1	74	74	1	10.0.0	1	10.0.0				6.10.0		5. 0.0	11.10.0			
Gomba									1				15	9	24	13	37			1			1	40				1	1	74	74	1	10.0.0	1	10.0.0				1. 1.6		1. 1.6				
Hokodzi & Munetsi									2				37	22	59	7	66	2					2	54				1	1	48	48	2	20.0.0	1	5.0.0				9. 0.0		2.10.0	11.10.0			
Hunda									1				10	5	15	10	25						1	40							1	10.0.0						3.14.0		14. 5.0	17.19.0				
Jacobs									1				31	15	46	14	60	1		1		5	2	67			1	1	73	73	1	10.0.0	1	10.0.0				8. 5.0		7. 5.0	15.10.0				
Kanbarami									3				11	7	18	8	26						1	30				1	1	55	55	1	10.0.0	1					8.10.0			8.10.0			
Muchinjike									3				39	17	56	7	63	4		1	1		2	72			1	1	53	53	1	10.0.0	1	10.0.0				11. 5.0		6. 5.0	17.10.0				
Nyamutumbu													17	6	23	10	33							1	40				1	1	110	110	1	10.0.0	1	5.0.0				10.10.0		17. 0.0	27.10.0		
Rugange									1				11	21	32	22	54						1	30							1	10.0.0						10.0		10.0					
Totals									18				253	139	392	149	541	10		4	1	12	10	14	602					8	8	556	556	14	140.0.0	9	60.0.0				76.18.6		75. 0.0	151.18.6	
Mangwende Circuit																																													
Chiguri						1			2				44	4	48	49	97					1	1	70				1	1	56	56	1	20.0.0	2	20.0.0				11. 5.0		11. 0.0	22. 5.0			
Gumbanjera													14	15	29	27	56			1			1	20							1	10.0.0	1	8.0.0				1.16.0			1.16.0				
Mrewa Kraal									1				30	6	36	37	73						1	25																					
Mutisi									3				24	15	39	27	66						1	30			1	1	60	60	1	5.0.0	1	8.0.0				8. 8.0		10. 0.0	18. 8.0				
Nyagwiso													7	10	17	1	18						1	30							1	5.0.0													
Circuit Totals					1				6				119	50	169	141	310			1		1	2	5	175				2	2	116	116	4	40.0.0	4	36.0.0				21. 9.0		21. 0.0	42. 9.0		
Headlands Circuit																																													
Arusha									2				11	7	18	23	41						1	20				1	1	17	17	1	10.0.0	1	20.0.0	1,000.0.0				6.12.0		3. 0.0	9.12.0		
Ngundu									2				20	15	35	17	52						1	20							1	10.0.0													
Dwara & Chikore									2				20	20	40	10	50																												
Tororo									4				36	8	44	43	87	6		2		6	1	130				1	1	38	38	1	20.0.0	1	8.0.0				6.14.0		5.15.0	11. 8.0			
Mazoe									3				44	9	53	53	106					1	1	114				1	1	58	58	1	20.0.0	1	8.0.0				11. 0.0		4.15.0	16.15.0			
Machwa									1				13	3	16	40	56						1	20								1	10.0.0						1. 0.0		3. 0.0	4. 0.0			
Machwae									1				6	9	15	11	26						1	35								1	10.0.0												
Machwara									3				26	4	30	22	52	3					1	1	15			1	1	41	41	1	10.0.0	1	8.0.0				9. 4.0		3.15.0	12.19.0			
Machwazi									3				20		20	19	39						1	1	70			1	1	40	40	1	5.0.0	1	8.0.0				8. 6.0			8. 6.0			
Machwado									2				27	10	37	23	60						6	1	40				1	1	66	66	1	20.0.0	1	8.0.0				6.14.0		11.15.0	18. 9.0		
Circuit Totals									23				223	85	308	261	569	9		2	2	15	2	9	464				6	6	260	260	8	105.0.0	6	63.0.0	1,000.0.0				4. 10.0		32. 0.0	81.10.0	

STATISTICS
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STATISTICS of the Rhodesia Annual Conference 1937	Missionaries.			Native Workers			Christian Community										Baptisms	Sunday Schools	Educational Schools		Elementary Schools		Property										Contributions of Church on Foreign Field														
	Men	Board Women { Missionaries W. F. M. S.	Other Foreign Workers	Ord.		Unordained			Church Members	Preparatory Members	Total Preparatory and Full Members	Baptized Children not in Cols. 14, 15.	Total Christian Community (Cols. 16, 17.)	Preparatory Members Rec'd during year	Non-Resident Members	Marriages	Deaths During year	Adults Baptized	Children Baptized	No. Sunday Schools	No. Scholars	No. Boarding Schools	No. Teachers	Students	No. Elementary Schools	No. Teachers	Students	Total Under Instruction	No. Churches	Estimated Value of Churches	No. Parsonages	Estimated Value of Parsonages	Estimated Value, Schools Hospitals, Printing Press, Lands, etc.	Estimated Value, all W.F.M.S. Property	Indebtedness		Contributions, Support Local Church, Ch. Collections, Tithe, etc.	For Building Repairs, Equipment, etc.	For Other local purposes Govt. Grant, Farm Produce etc.	Total Contributions on Field							
				Con. Mem.	On Trial	Local Preachers	Conf. Memb. On Trial	Local Preachers																											Exhorters	Other Native Workers					Native Workers of W. F. M. S.	On Real Estate	Amount Paid				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45			
Chiduku Circuit									1				32	15	47	9	56			1	1		1	29					1	£	5.0.0	1	£	5. 0.0	£				£	1 0.0	£		£	1 0.0			
Chiduku									1				33	26	59	13	72				2	1	30						1	1	5.0.0								8. 0.0			4. 0.0	12. 0.0				
Chinyodza									1				45	13	58	17	75				1	1	100						1	1	95	95	1		15.0.0	1			7.10.0			9.10.0	17. 0.0				
Kufa (Chitenderano)									2				87	37	124	23	147		2		14		1	120					1	1	120	120	1		60.0.0	1			12. 0.0	40.0.0			8. 0.0	60. 0.0			
Gurure									4				50	17	67	19	86				4	4	1	80					1	1	65	65	1		10.0.0	1			6.18.0			8. 0.0	14.18.0				
Manyora									3				184	51	235	23	258		1	10	5	2	200					1	2	110	110	1		25.0.0	1			17.10.0			14. 0.0	31.10.0					
Muziti									1				25	20	45	21	66		1	3	7	2	60					1	1	46	46	1		40.0.0	2			8 17.0			32. 0.0	40.17.0					
Rokwezu					1				3				78	47	125	68	193		1	6	11	2	120					1	2	140	140	1		250.0.0	1			18. 10.0	20.0.0			35. 0.0	73.10.0				
Sharara													9	15	24	4	28																					6. 0.0			6. 0.0						
Chikanda																																															
Circuit Totals					1				16				543	241	784	197	981	26		4	2	41	28	11	739				7	9	616	616	8		410.0.0	8				86. 5.0	60.0.0		110.10.0	256.15.0			
Salisbury					1				2				81	28	109	107	216	1		1	7	7																			42. 0.0			42. 0.0			
District Totals	1	1			4				69	3	3		1294	577	1871	900	2771	50		14	7	78	94	41	2230	1	4	75	24	29	1583	1658	35		1510.0.0	29		1229. 0.0	700.0.0				288. 7.6	65. 0.0		336. 5.0	689.12.6
MTOKO DISTRICT																																															
North Circuit																																															
Katsande													13	34	47		47			1			1	52						1		20.0.0						2. 0.0			2. 0.0						
Kawere													5	17	22		22					1	30						1		20.0.0	1					1. 5.0			1. 5.0							
Kowo					1				1				29	9	38	7	45				1	4	1	53				1	1	65	65	1		20.0.0	2			8 0.0			6. 0.0						
Madzande									1				8	15	23		23					3	1	35				1	1	35	35	1		20.0.0	1			5. 0.0			3.15.0	8.15.0					
Ma-senda									1	1			12	20	32	1	33			6	1	1	55					1	2	70	70	1		20.0.0	1			6 0.0			6.15.0	12 15.0					
Makosa									1				23	16	39	5	44				3	1	56					1	1	73	73	1		20.0.0	1			6. 0.0			5.15.0	11.15.0					
Mudzonga									1				4	2	6	3	9			1	3	1	50					1	1	55	55	1		20.0.0	1			5. 0.0			3.15.0	8.15.0					
Nyakachena									1				14	8	22	4	26					2	1	42				1	1	30	30	1		20.0.0	1					2.10.0		5.10.0	8. 0.0				
Nyamukoko									1				16	14	30		30					3	1	35				1	1	40	40	1		20.0.0	1												
Nyamakosi									1				5	12	7		7						1	25					0	0		1	20.0.0														
Circuit Totals					1				7	1			129	147	276	20	296	26	18		15	13	10	433				7	8	368	368	10		200.0.0	9				35.15.0			31.10.0	67. 5.0				
South Circuit																																															
Mtoko Center	1				1				3	3			41	37	78		78	1	2			5	1	130	1	2	40	1	3	163	203	1		50.0.0	2		700. 0.0				17. 0.0			120.0.0	137. 0.0		
Chitekwe									1				17	19	36	1	37					5	1	75				1	1	14	14	1		20.0.0	1			8. 0.0			4.15.0	12.15.0					
Chibuliva									1				26	15	41		41						1		4			1	1	63	63	4		20.0.0	1			5. 0.0			6. 5.0	11. 5.0					
Chimkoko													11	5	16	1	17												1		20.0.0	1															
Gorara									1				10	16	26		27						1	51							56	56	1		20.0.0	1			5. 0.0			5. 5.0	10. 5.0				
Kozarite													7	12	19	2	21							43					1		47	47	1		20.0.0	1			2.10.0			6.10.0	9. 0.0				
Maswiri									1				36	28	64		64	11	1			5						1			115	115	1		20.0.0	2			7. 0.0				7. 0.0				
Mokoboro									1				8	16	24	1	25					2	1	45				1			35	35	1		20.0.0	1			5. 0.0			4.10.0	9.10.0				
Musokopi									1				13	21	34	2	36					2	1	61				1			60	60	1		20.0.0	1			5. 0.0			6. 0.0	11.0.0				
Nyokoro									1				33	13	46		46	2	1			5	1	87				1			72	72	1		20.0.0	1			6. 0.0			8.10.0	14.10				
Ngoma													10	15	25		25						1	30							1		20.0.0	1													
Ngoma Camp.									1				20	14	34		31	1				2	1	55							1		20.0.0														
Circuit Totals	1				1				10	5			232	211	453	8	451	40	9	1	2	28	1	11	667	1	2	40	9	5	715	755	12		260.0.0	13											

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NYADIRI DISTRICT										Maramba-Fungwi Circuit										£		£		£		£		£		£																				
Maramba-Fungwi Circuit										4	5	29	34	34	7	1	1	85	1	1	83	83	1	15.0.0	1	10.0.0				9.15.0	10.0.0		19.15.0																	
Chidagwa										1	2	7	9	9	7		1	104	1	1	95	95	1	20.0.0	1	10.0.0				8.4.0	30.0.0		38.4.0																	
Dindi										4	5	35	40	1	41	6	1	56	1	1	62	62	1	15.0.0	1	10.0.0				9.17.0	10.0.0		29.12.0																	
Maramba										4	3	4	7	7	4		1	68	1	1	70	70	1	10.0.0	1	5.0.0				8.0.0	15.0.0		29.0.0																	
Mparanyambuya																																																		
Totals										13	15	75	90	1	91	24	1	1	4	313	4	4	310	310	4	60.0.0	4	35.0.0				35.16.0	65.0.0		116.11.0															
Mzumba Circuit																																																		
Chitimbe										4	34	28	62	14	76	8		2	1	120	1	1	80	80	1	20.0.0	1	15.0.0				13.10.0	2.0.0		28.0.0															
Chivinge												3	3	1	4							1	10.0.0																											
Chifunde											7	14	21	7	28																																			
Madaga											14	15	29	20	49																																			
Mofora											13	13	26	18	44																																			
Maseke											19	16	35	19	54																																			
Mosiyo										2	16	8	24	23	47																																			
Machekera										2	18	16	34	27	61			1	48					5.0.0																										
Mashambanaka										3	44	50	94	77	171	1		1	74	1	1	72	72	1	15.0.0	1	8.0.0				6.0.0	23.0.0		29.0.0																
Mangu										3	20	19	39	8	47	5	2	1	88	1	1	83	83	1	20.0.0	1	10.0.0				8.12.0		13.15.0		22.7.0															
Mwanyika										4	21	18	39	20	59	13		1	94	1	1	92	92	1	30.0.0	1	10.0.0				11.10.0		8.10.0		20.0.0															
Mchikuhwa										1	3	5	8	8	5		2	1	56	1	1	54	54	1	12.0.0	1	5.0.0				8.0.0	12.0.0		17.1.0		37.1.0														
Circuit Totals										19	209	205	414	234	648	32		4	2	6	480	5	5	381	381	6	112.0.0	5	48.0.0				50.7.6	42.0.0		52.6.0		144.13.6												
Nyadiri Circuit																																																		
Chidodo & Chimbwanda										3	34	42	76	42	118	1	1	1	75	1	1	75	75	1	15.0.0	1	10.0.0				8.12.0	10.0.0		10.5.0		28.17.0														
Kamucheka										3		4	4		4	2		1	40	1	1	52	52	1	15.0.0	1	5.0.0				7.0.0	10.0.0		7.1.5		24.1.5														
Kangara										2	4	1	5	4	9			1					1	10.0.0	1	5.0.0				4.0					4.0															
Kasambarare										2	22	33	55	5	60	4	1	1	75	1	1	95	95	1	30.0.0	1	10.0.0				8.12.0	2.0.0		11.0.0		21.12.0														
Magaya												12	12		12																																			
Manyika										1	39	30	69	18	87	4	1	5	2	1	99	1	2	99	99	1	20.0.0	3	50.0.0				15.0.0	30.0.0		12.5.0		57.5.0												
Mugabe										3	28	28	56	8	64	1		4	1	75	1	1	57	57	1	20.0.0	1	10.0.0				8.12.0	10.0.0		9.10.0		28.2.0													
Mopaya										2	29	28	57	36	93	2		3	1	68	1	1	62	62	1	20.0.0	1	20.0.0				8.12.0	20.0.0		13.15.0		42.7.0													
Musani										1	15	18	33	1	34	2	2	1	59	1	1	72	72	1	20.0.0	1	10.0.0				8.12.0	10.0.0		8.10.0		27.2.0														
Nyambarara										1	5	7	12		12		1	1	58	1	1	41	41	1	10.0.0	1	5.0.0				7.10.0	5.0.0		8.15.0		21.5.0														
Sori										3	15	16	31	20	51	2		2	1	69	1	1	68	68	1	20.0.0	1	5.0.0				8.0.0	5.0.0		14.15.0		27.15.0													
Circuit Totals																																																		
Nyadiri Mission										1	12	11	337	157	494	38	8	5	27	11	2	350	2	15	174	450	1	25.0.0	4	2,300.0.0	4,470.0.0	5,020.0.0				89.0.0	50.0.0		920.0.0		1059.0.0									
Nyadiri Circuit										1	25	191	219	410	134	544	18	3	1	13	7	10	618	9	10	621	621	10	180.0.0	12	130.0.0				80.14.0	102.0.0		95.16.5		278.10.5										
Maramba-Fungwi										13	15	75	90	1	91	24	1	1	4	313	4	4	310	310	4	60.0.0	4	35.0.0				35.16.0	65.0.0		15.15.0		116.11.0													
Mzumba										19	209	205	414	234	648	32		4	2	6	480	5	5	381	381	6	112.0.0	5	48.0.0				50.7.6	42.0.0		52.6.0		144.13.6												
District Totals										1	1	3	1	2	69	1	1	10	638	613	1251	526	1777	112	12	6	45	20	22	1761	2	15	276	20	34	1486	1762	21	377.0.0	25	2513.0.0	4,470.0.0	5,020.0.0		255.17.6	259.0.0		1083.17.5		1598.14.11

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	Men	Board Missionaries W. F. M. S.	Women	Other Foreign Workers	Con. Mem. On Trial	Ord.			Unordained							Church Members	Preparatory Members	Total Preparatory and Full Members	Baptized Children not in Cols. 14, 15.	Total Christian Community (Cols. 16, 17.)	Preparatory Members Rec'd during year	Non-Resident Members	Marriages	Deaths During year	Adults Baptized	Children Baptized	No. Sunday Schools	No. Scholars	No. Boarding Schools	No. Teachers	Students	No. Elementary Schools	No. Teachers	Students	Total Under Instruction	No. Churches	Estimated Value of Churches	No. Parsonages	Estimated Value of Parsonages	Estimated Value Schools Hospitals, Printing Press, Lands, etc.	Estimated Value, all W.F.M.S. Property	Indebtedness		Contributions, Support Local Church, Ch. Collections, Tithe, etc.	For Building Repairs, Equipment, etc.	For Other local purposes Govt. Grant, Farm Produce etc.	Total Contributions on Field
						Local Preachers	Exhorters	Other Native Workers	Native Workers of W. F. M. S.																																						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45			
Nyika Shundure									1	2				14	11	25	8	33	5				1	5	1	1	39				1	1	38	38	1	£ 5 0 0	1	£ 10. 0. 0	£	£			£ 9.10.10	£	£		
									2					35	25	60	20	80	5			1	9	7	1	86				1	1	75	75	1	10.0.0	1	10. 0. 0					15.14. 0		10.13. 4	9.10.10		
Totals					1				20					275	121	396	239	635	85		1	3	36	23	11	545				9	10	465	465	11	162.0.0	11	105. 0. 0					101. 13. 7		47.14. 8	149. 8. 3		
Odzi Circuit																																															
Odzi					1				2					22	16	38	10	48	1		2	1	1	4	1	68				1	1	33	33	1	20 0.0	1	15. 0. 0	750. 0 0					7 10. 3		4.10. 0	12. 0. 3	
Chiremba									2					36	22	58	31	89	1			7	2	1	82				1	1	38	38	1	10 0.0	1	10. 0. 0					8.12.11		6. 2. 4	14.15. 3			
Katsadzura							1		2					28	24	52	21	73	3		1	2	3	1	75				1	1	34	34	1	10.0.0	1	10. 0. 0					9. 4. 6		5.12. 9	14.17. 6			
Chikunda									1					6	5	11		11	1			1		1	42							1	8.0.0							12. 0			12. 0				
Totals					1				7	1				92	67	159	62	221	6		2	2	11	9	4	267				3	3	105	105	4	48 0.0	3	35. 0. 0	750 0 0					25.19.11		16. 5. 1	42. 5. 0	
Entasa Circuit																																															
Nyakatsapa					1				4					218	62	280	224	504	9	41	4	1	5	10	2	130				1	3	163	163	1	200.0.0	1	700. 0. 0	1600. 0.0					28.10. 6		31. 7. 6	59.18. 0	
Nhuthama									2					65	21	86	81	167	6	4		2	1	3	1	103				1	1	86	86	1	10.0.0	1	10. 0. 0					12. 4. 9		24. 2. 7	36. 7. 4		
Rupinda									2					79	32	111	101	212	8	16	1	1	7	1	115				1	1	80	80	1	10.0.0	1	10. 0. 0					8.17. 6			8.17. 6			
Namukwarara									1					48	21	69	69	133		8	1	2		1	93				1	1	57	57	1	10 0.0	1	10. 0. 0					14. 3. 9		13. 5. 0	27. 8. 9			
Wengo									1					50	23	73	39	112	3	12		1		1	33				1			1	10 0.0	1	10. 0. 0					4.18. 3		4.18. 4	9.16. 7				
Vundundu						1			1					23	15	38	41	79	2	7		3	5	1	31				1			1	25 0.0	1	10. 0. 0					1. 0. 0			1. 0. 0				
Zinyembe														40	12	52	35	87		3			1	1	34				1			1	10 0.0	1	10. 0. 0												
Sherokuru									2					42	9	51	41	92		4	1	1	1	1	41				1	1	26	26	1	10 0.0	1	20. 0. 0					7. 2. 6		3. 0. 7	10. 3. 1			
Totals					1	1			13					565	195	760	631	1391	28	95	7	3	14	27	9	580				8	7	412	412	8	285.0.0	8	780. 0. 0	1600. 0.0					76.17. 3		76.14. 0	133.11. 3	
Out stations Total for cir					6	1			76	5				2070	685	2755	1635	4390	183	95	24	19	133	97	37	2527				31	35	1740	1740	36	982.0.0	34	1155. 0. 0	2350. 0.0					340. 6. 2		281.19. 2	622. 5. 4	
Old Umtali Mission	2	4	1	4	6				32		9	333	52	385	215	600	9	15			1	14	24	3	671	2	17	410	1	2	199	609	1	1000.0.0	8	5000. 0.0	31,300.	8100. 0.0					102. 0. 0		2410. 0. 0	2412. 0. 0	
Old Umtali Dist. Total	2	4	1	4	12	1			103	5	9	2403	737	3140	1850	4990	192	110		24	20	147	121	40	3198	2	17	410	32	37	1939	2349	37	1982.0.0	42	6155. 0.0	34,650.	8100. 0.0					442. 6. 2		2591.19. 2	3034. 5. 4	
UMTALI DISTRICT																																															
Europe in	1	1												114	10	124	146	270			3		10	1	87							1	1800.0.0	1	2060. 0.0	500. 0 0		228	87	138. 0. 0				138. 0. 0			
Coloured														13		13	10	23			1		3																								
Native			1	1					18		1	243	113	356	151	510	19			2	2	8	22	1	200				2	5	340	340	1	300 0.0	1	100 0.0		3500. 0.0			56.14. 0	5 0. 0	74. 5. 0	135.19. 0			
Umtali Total	1	1	1		1				18	4	1	370	123	493	310	803	19			6	2	8	35	2	287				2	5	340	340	2	2100 0.0	2	2160 0.0	500. 0.0	3500. 0.0	228	87	194.14. 0	5. 0. 0	74. 5. 0	273.19 0			

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	Men	Board { Women W. F. M. S.	Other Foreign Workers	Full Members On Trial	Con. Mem.	Ord. Local Preachers Conf. Memb. On Trial	Unordained			Church Members	Preparatory Members	Total Preparatory and Full Members	Baptized Children not in Cols. 14, 15.	Total Christian Commu- nity (Cols. 16, 17.)	Preparatory Members Rec'd during year	Non-Resident Members	Marriages	Deaths During year	Adults Baptized	Children Baptized	No. Sunday Schools	No. Scholars	No. Boarding Schools	No. Teachers	Students	No. Elementary Schools	No. Teachers	Students	Total Under Instruction	No. Churches	Estimated Value of Churches	No. Parsonages	Estimated Value of Parsonages	Estimated Value, Schools Hospitals, Printing Press, Lands, etc.	Estimated Value, all W.F.M.S. Property	Indebtedness		Contributions, Support Local Church, Ch. Collec- tions, Tithe, etc.	For Building Repairs, Equipment, etc.	For Other local purposes Govt. Grant, Farm Produce etc.	Total Contributions on Field								
							Local Preachers	Exhorters	Other Native Workers																											Native Workers of W. F. M. S.	On Real Estate					Amount Paid							
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45					
Zimunya Circuit									2	1			130	133	263	28	291	6		2	4	8	13	1	91				1	1	75	75	1	£	10. 0. 0	1	£	8. 0. 0			£	15. 8. 0	£	5. 0. 0	£	14.15. 0	£	35. 3. 0	
Bumba									1	7			115	114	229	48	277	5					8	13	1	180				1	2	135	135	1		12. 0. 0	2			22. 6. 0	5. 0. 0	28. 5. 0	55.11. 0						
Chitakatira									1	2			85	89	174	32	206	8		3		5		1	98				1	1	67	67	1		10. 0. 0	1			11.13. 0	3. 0. 0	14. 0. 0	28.13. 0							
Dangari										3			19	7	26	11	37	5					2	1	47				1	1	40	40	1		10. 0. 0	1			10. 5. 0			10. 5. 0							
Gwese									1	3			55	18	73	32	105	1					6	1	40				1	1	67	67	1		15. 0. 0	1			8.10. 0	2. 0. 0	20.15. 0	31. 5. 0							
Mukozhiwa							1		1	2			48	46	91	28	122	6		1		2	7	1	100				1	1	96	96	1		20. 0. 0	1			8. 2. 0	5. 0. 0	12.10. 0	25.12. 0							
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